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## PREFACE

**I**N the year 1906 the writer of this little work compiled "The Steps Leading to the Institution of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania."

A limited number were printed at that time and many who are active with our work never saw a copy of it neither do they have the information we think they should have concerning the first steps taken in this grand enterprise. At the Directors' meeting in January, 1917, a request was made by resolution to print the historical sketch, written for the Twentieth Anniversary Celebration, in pamphlet. In 1932 the writer was requested to compile the history to date, by resolution of the Executive Committee.

Care has been taken to gather such information as would be of interest to all. An honest effort has been made to give full credit to those who worked hard to establish the Home and we hope that no one has been forgotten.

May the Kind Father above abide with and direct the management of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania in all its steps so that this grand unselfish labor of Love shall continue until His Will shall be made perfect in it.

W. H. J. H.

# HISTORY

THE "Odd Fellows Home of Western Pennsylvania," Meadville, the "Home for Orphans of Pennsylvania," Philadelphia, and the "Home for Widows and Orphans of Pennsylvania," at Ben Avon, are the institutions which had for their object the care of the orphans of Odd Fellows, prior to the year 1897, in the State of Pennsylvania.

For some time previous to the year just named the question of providing for these Homes in an organized and substantial manner was receiving consideration from those in close relation with them. These institutions depended upon the voluntary contributions of the benevolently disposed, and the cash on hand was not always a burden to the Home management.

By consulting the Journal of the Grand Lodge of 1893, pages 939-941, we find that this question was beginning to forge its way to the front. Resolutions were presented at the Semi-Annual Session calling for a way to provide for the orphans. It received sufficient recognition to have a committee appointed to carefully consider the subject and report at the 1894 session.

On Page 57, Journal of the Annual Session of 1894, we find the report as follows:

"Altoona, Pa., May 15, 1894.

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania I. O. O. F.:

The committee to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions, presented at the Semi-Annual Session, of which the following are the essential features: *Resolved*, that the Subordinate Lodges in the State of Pennsylvania are hereby authorized and directed to annually assess each member of the Lodge in such sum as may be determined by the Board of Grand Lodge Officers; said assessment to be made on the first meeting night in April of each year, and an amount equal to such authorized assessment, per capita, shall be forwarded to the Grand Secretary, by each Lodge, on or before the first day of July in each year. Provided, however, that Lodges who hold membership in Homes conducted on a basis of annual dues for the admission of inmates, shall be exempt from such assessment; and be it further *Resolved* that the Board of Grand Officers shall have power to determine annually the amount of assessments necessary for the maintenance of such Homes, and shall distribute to them from the funds derived from orphanage assessment the amount due to each. Provided, also, that no part of the funds derived from orphanage assessment shall be applied to the erection of buildings, the extension of buildings, the purchase of real estate, or the satisfying of mortgages," beg leave to report that they have held a number of conferences and given the matter serious consideration, and while they deem

a tax or an assessment on the membership for the proposed purposes both advisable and feasible, there appears to be essential features necessary for safe and permanent legislation on the subject which can not be prepared during this session, and therefore offer the following: *Resolved*, that the committee be continued until the next annual session.

H. STEUERNAGEL,  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,  
GEORGE HAWKES,  
JOHN A. MYLER,  
JAMES H. AVERY,  
Committee.

The resolution was adopted.

At the next session of the Grand Lodge the committee reported as follows: (See pages 577-578).

To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.:

The Committee upon the subject of maintenance to the Homes of Orphans by taxation or assessment upon the members of the Order (which committee was continued from the session of 1894) respectfully reports:

That they have considered the subject in its various phases. While on one hand opinions are to the effect that the order in Pennsylvania is prepared to adopt a measure covering the proposed proposition, there are also opinions that the Order is not yet prepared to make any radical change in the present system of maintaining the Homes for Orphans. After mature deliberations, the committee has arrived at the following conclusions: That it would not be good legislation to adopt the proposed measure by resolutions (as offered), in as much as the same would be liable to be reseeded at any time; and further, that the measure if ultimately adopted, could be fully met by a more simple method of per capita tax, and that the resolutions presented at the semi-annual session of 1893 should be withdrawn. That if any change is to be effected in the present method of maintaining the Homes for Orphans by taxation or assessments upon subordinates it is the opinion of the committee that such proposition would more properly come before the Grand Lodge in the form of amendments to the constitution, presented as other amendments are presented."

(Signed by the committee).

The report of the committee was received and the committee was discharged.

A few of the wiser ones saw the trend of affairs and became convinced that the central part of the State was entitled to an institution that would be provided for by the Order throughout the State as well as those in the western and eastern counties.

Very soon after the session of 1895 Fort Augusta Lodge No. 620 and Sunbury Lodge, No. 203, each appointed a committee, to act jointly, in the interest of a Home. This movement had its beginning in the city



of Sunbury. The question as to who first moved in the matter is in dispute; some claim that the honor belongs to Brother Past Grand Master Solomon B. Boyer while others say that Brother Emanuel Wilvert is entitled to this distinction. Both are mentioned because we are not able to ascertain which should be given the credit. There is enough glory, however, in this labor of love for both.

The committee which was appointed by the Lodges as stated previously consisted of the following:

EMANUEL WILVERT, P. G.

H. J. WALTZ, P. G.

S. B. BOYER, P. G. M.

I. CLINTON KLINE.

A. W. RIMERT.

Fort Augusta Lodge, No. 620.

C. RIPPLE, P. G.

G. T. L. BOWSER, P. G.

FRANK LANIUS, P. G.

THOMAS W. FISTER.

JOSEPH KEEFER.

Sunbury Lodge, No. 203.

This body of brothers held several meetings and issued the following circular letter:

"To Whom It May Concern: Sirs and Brothers:

A Committee of five members of Fort Augusta Lodge, No. 620, I. O. O. F., was lately appointed and subsequently a similar Committee of five was appointed in Sunbury Lodge, No. 203, who have organized a joint Committee, S. B. Boyer, P. G. M., as temporary chairman, and G. T. L. Bowser, P. G., as Secretary, for the purpose of devising ways and means for the erection and establishing of a Home for the maintenance of orphan children of deceased Odd Fellows, Indigent Odd Fellows and widows of Odd Fellows, supported by voluntary contributions, to be located at or near Sunbury, Northumberland County, for the use and benefit of Odd Fellow Lodges of Central Pennsylvania, to be managed, conducted and kept on the same plan and system as the three Homes now established at Philadelphia, Allegheny and Meadville at the two extreme ends of the State, are conducted. All Lodges making annual contributions to be entitled to the privilege of a representative in the Board of Managers of the corporation, which shall exist perpetually. The three homes now existing have not the capacity to accommodate the Lodges in the State, and this committee sincerely believes that a Home in Central Pennsylvania would be greatly beneficial to the Lodges as well as the Order and its membership in the central part of the State.

Sunbury being the terminus of seven railroads, presents better railroad facilities than any town in the central part of the State, and is reached conveniently and cheaply. The citizens of the town and surrounding country are liberal and benevolently disposed and are ever ready to aid and contribute freely to all charitable and worthy purposes and lend a helping hand to all commendable projects for the relief of humanity. This committee therefore appeals to you for your co-operation in this laudable work in the cause of charity, and desire the different Lodges who feel an interest in the establishment of a Home centrally located to more fully carry out the fundamental laws and principles of



THOMAS F. LARK  
President



our Order, (to educate the Orphan) to select a representative from your Lodge to attend a meeting of representatives of different Lodges in Fort Augusta Lodge room No. 620 at Sunbury, Pa., on Tuesday, August 27, 1895, at one o'clock p. m., to effect a permanent organization by selecting charter members, officers and directors from the different Lodges for the management of the institution. Should you not send a representative to this meeting inform us whether you will co-operate with us in the future in conducting the Home. Lodges desiring to be connected with this Home are requested to give notice to this joint committee of the name of their representative and his Post Office address for further correspondence.

Any further information will be promptly given by addressing G. T. L. Bowser, Secretary, or any of the subjoined committee, Sunbury, Pa.

Desiring your hearty co-operation we are,

Yours Fraternally.

Sunbury, Pa., July 22, 1895."

The foregoing communication was signed by the committee and also H. A. Pensyl, D. D. G. M., of Northumberland County, Snyderstown, Pa.

A meeting was held in compliance with the request of the committee as found in the circular letter just quoted and about seventeen delegates were present. The meeting was organized by selecting Past Grand Master Solomon B. Boyer, chairman, and G. T. L. Bowser, secretary. The chairman stated the object of the meeting and spoke at length on the subject of instituting a Home for the care and protection of the young and old belonging to us that could not look after themselves. It was very plain to all present that he was very much interested and anxious to do all in his power to have others interest themselves in the work. The meeting was a decided success and all left the Lodge room of No. 620 feeling that their efforts would not be in vain. An executive committee consisting of S. B. Boyer, of No. 620; G. T. L. Bowser, of No. 203; F. W. Lindner, of No. 623, and two others, the names of whom cannot be recalled, although months have been spent in searching everywhere for them, were appointed to take charge of the whole matter and issue calls for such meetings of the delegates as might be necessary from time to time. Dr. W. H. J. Holman was added to the committee at the next meeting. The first point to be decided was the town at or near which the proposed Home should be located.

Circular letters were issued to the Lodges in the central part of the State explaining the situation and giving all Lodges the privilege of voting for the town preferred without any restriction. Milton, Williamsport, Sunbury, and a few other towns centrally located were voted for, Sunbury receiving about four votes to any other town's one vote. It was then agreed by the delegates that Sunbury should be the place.

At a meeting of delegates held a short time before the November Session of the Grand Lodge, (in the month of October, we believe) in the room of No. 620, a paper was presented, having been prepared by the

chairman, Brother Boyer, was adopted and signed and ordered presented to the Grand Lodge. The following is the petition (See pages 877 and 878 Minutes Grand Lodge, November, 1895):

“To the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.:

The petition of the undersigned, representing Lodges set opposite our names, respectfully represent:

That we believe it for the best interest of Odd Fellowship in Central Pennsylvania to establish an Orphanage at or near the city of Sunbury, and are desirous of being incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, and be recognized by the Grand Lodge, and be subject to the rules and regulations of the same.

Your petitioners further represent that they have ascertained through a committee appointed for the purpose, that suitable properties can be secured for the purpose aforesaid at a reasonable price.

The Corporation shall be known by the name, style and title of “The Central Pennsylvania Orphanage.”

The purpose of the Corporation is to purchase or rent a building or buildings and ground for the purpose of a Home for Widows and Orphans of Odd Fellows, indigent Odd Fellows with their wives, and Daughters of Rebekah.

The main office to be in the city of Sunbury or at the Home.

The Corporation to be composed of a representative from each Lodge or Encampment or Rebekah Lodge which shall be a contributor to the Home, as may be provided by the By-Laws. The Grand Lodge Officers shall be members ex-officio. The Corporation to exist perpetually.

The Corporation to have By-Laws, rules and regulations not inconsistent with the laws of the State or the true intent or meaning of the Charter.

The Corporation to have a President, one or more Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Directors or Managers, or such other Officers as may be deemed advisable, as may be provided in the By-Laws.

The following was offered by Brother P. A. Strauser, No. 664, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves, that in the event of the Grand Lodge granting permission, that we will not do anything by way of purchasing property, or in any other way, that will be disastrous to the Lodges here represented and those who will join us in the future, nor to the discredit of the Grand Lodge.

The following was offered by Brother W. H. J. Holman, No. 911:

*Resolved*, That we, the undersigned, pledge ourselves that the Lodges we represent are willing to be assessed a sum not exceeding \$1 per capita, to be divided into such amounts and to be paid at such time as may be agreed upon by the officers in charge for that purpose.

We therefore most earnestly pray that the prayer of this petition be granted.

Representative	Name of Lodge	No.	Location	Members
S. J. Bardo	White Deer	399	Montgomery	81
S. B. Hilliard	Watsonstown	619	Watsonstown	108
T. W. Nicholas	Renovo	595	Renovo	202
E. E. Kitchen	James A. Garfield	1061	Shamokin	189
P. A. Strauser	Shamokin	664	Shamokin	160
John Hancock	Mount Tabor	125	Shamokin	130
Van Grafius	Fairfield	236	Montoursville	109
E. Malick	Black Diamond	1092	Shamokin	200
Solomon Stroh	Sunbury	203	Sunbury	111
W. H. J. Holman	Victoria	911	Patterson	107
S. E. Kinzer	Mifflintown	131	Mifflintown	96
H. J. Waltz	Fort Augusta	620	Sunbury	80
E. B. Reed	Pottsgrove	523	Pottsgrove	59
Wm. Bimmel	Williamsport	570	Williamsport	124
George B. Rager	Brady	116	Muncy	73
H. C. Huff	Shamokin Valley	527	Snydertown	48
Samuel Crowl	Lewisburg	96	Lewisburg	113
Wm. T. Ditty	Gowen City	618	Gowen City	47

Rep. Jenkins of No. 430 submitted the following:

*Resolved*, That the prayer of the petitioners be and is hereby granted, upon condition that this Grand Lodge shall have a representative in the Board of Directors of said Institution, who shall be appointed by the Grand Master at each annual session.

Rep. Zepp of No. 596 moved that the petition be referred to the committee on Orphanage and Kindred Charities.

The question being taken upon the motion to refer, it was adopted.

At the same session a new constitution for Subordinate Lodges was presented, and by referring to page 905 of the Minutes of the Grand Lodge, November Session, 1895, you will find that it was proposed to allow Lodges to add to the weekly dues "such further sums as the By-Laws may prescribe for a Widows' and Orphans' Fund, Odd Fellows' Home, Home for Orphans, Home for Widows and Orphans, or other legitimate purposes."

Those who would accomplish great things must learn that it is not all smooth sailing and this very thing was taught the leaders in the work of founding the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home for Central Pennsylvania. The easiest part was to file the petition, but when those who were not so favorable secured an opportunity to get in the work they desired to accomplish, the reality of a difficult and at times, seemingly, a hopeless task confronted the champions of our cause. Day after day, week after week and month after month were spent in an honest endeavor to cause the opposition to look with favor upon the project. The greatest interest was taken and the most difficult work done by the Chairman of the Executive Committee, Past Grand Master Boyer. Many letters were written, many visits were made and many arguments presented that we have lost sight of but were only too real at the time.

The petition having been referred to the Committee on Orphanage and Kindred Charities, everything seemed to depend on the action of that body. Brother John L. Miller, of Sunbury, was a member of the committee at the very time he was most needed. He took hold of the matter in the committee and by using all the influence that could be brought to bear proved to be a great factor in bringing about the result as found on pages 114-115, minutes of the Grand Lodge, May Session, 1896, from which we quote as follows:

"At the Semi-Annual Session there was referred to this committee the petition of the Odd Fellows of Sunbury and surrounding country to establish an orphanage to be known as the "Central Pennsylvania Orphanage." In considering this petition a meeting of this committee was held at Sunbury on Tuesday, May 5th, 1896, and a careful examination made of the outline, and, as far as possible, the details of the plan suggested by the petitioners so far as matured. The committee is of the opinion that, as indicated by a part of their petition (see Semi-Annual Journal, 1895, page 877), they, by including widows and indigent Odd Fellows, were inclined to attempt too much, at least at the beginning, and that the enterprise had better be restricted, for the present at least, to caring for orphans.

"Your committee visited and examined some of the sites the petitioners have in view, any one of which is located and, with small changes and improvements, admirably fitted for an orphanage, with a large amount of land, which, if properly managed, should make the same practically self-sustaining. We saw and conversed with a large number of brethren at and around Sunbury, even at and around Shamokin and Mt. Carmel, and found them all quite enthusiastic over the movement. It is their intention to locate outside of, but contiguous to, Sunbury or some other large town or city, thus giving the institution the advantages of country air and stability and easy access to city advantages. This plan is a departure from all other of our Homes in the State, and while it may be said that the plan is in the nature of an experiment, still the same may be said of all our other Homes, and the committee has come to the conclusion that if permission is given as requested, with authority to go into active operation only when the funds are raised to purchase a farm and make the necessary improvements, so that the Home can begin its work entirely free from debt, we see no reason why its success should not be fairly certain. The general plan is one that has been eminently successful in the charitable channels of other institutions, and to argue that it would prove a failure among our brotherhood would be to admit that the membership in the largest and most successful fraternal society is deficient in ability to manage and sustain. This the committee is not willing to do, and respectfully recommends that the petition of the brethren be granted to establish "The Central Pennsylvania Orphanage" at such location at or near Sunbury, Pa., as may be finally selected by the representatives or delegates from those lodges joining in the enterprise; that for the present at least it be restricted to the care of orphans



of Odd Fellows, and that it be allowed to go into active operations only when the necessary funds are raised to purchase the land and buildings and make any and all needed improvements thereto. The final decision as to compliance with these recommendations and permission to be made and given by the Board of Grand Lodge Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

W. ED. MARSH,  
JOHN L. MILLER,  
WALTER J. OSBOURNE,  
WM. THOMPSON,  
Committee.

"On motion of Representative Sloan, of No. 23, the report was received and ordered to be entered upon the Journal and the recommendations of the committee were approved."

The action just cited took place on Wednesday afternoon, May 20th, 1896, and on the next day the new Constitution was adopted after many changes were made in the new laws as first proposed. On Thursday, May 21st, 1896, the Grand Lodge adopted the plan of charging each member twenty-five cents per year for the maintenance of the orphans of Odd Fellows in the State of Pennsylvania.

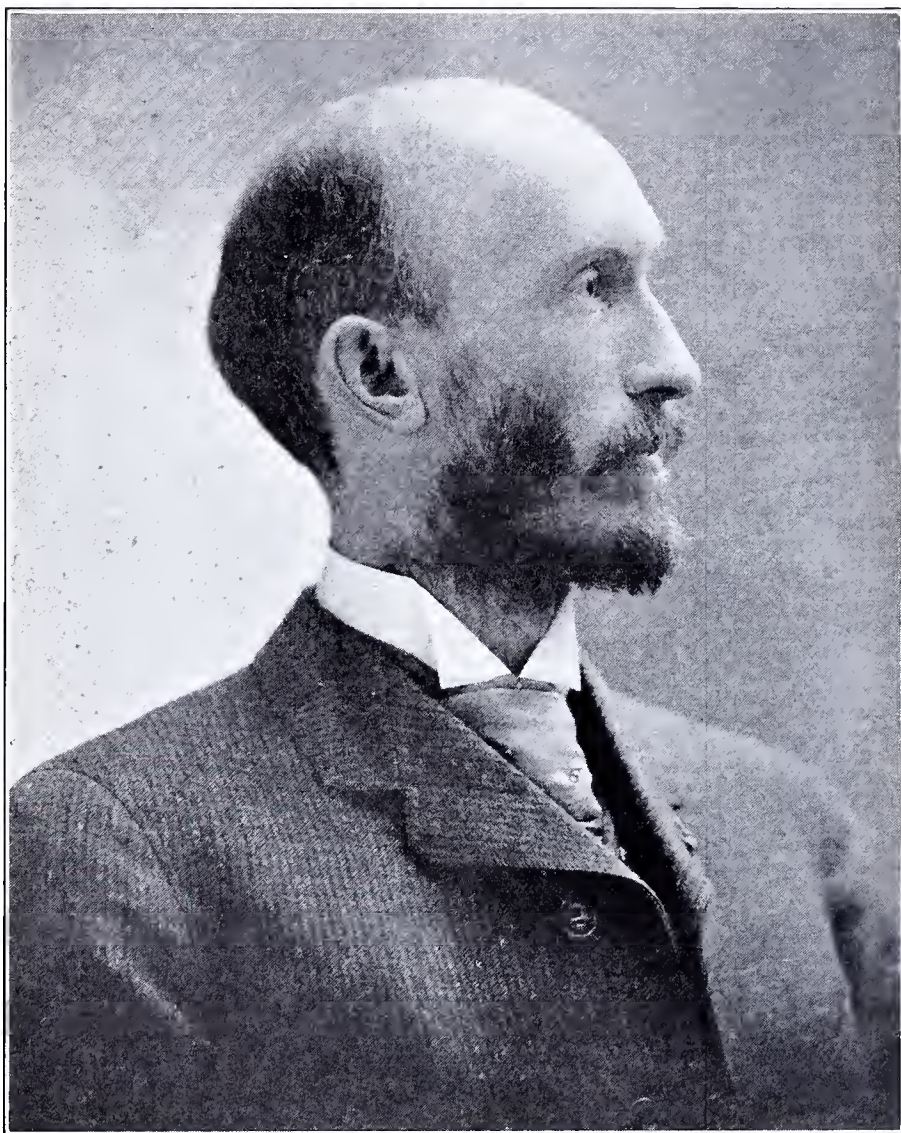
We quote the following from the Grand Master's Report, pages 372-373, printed Journal of the Grand Lodge, November Session, 1896:

"A conference meeting was held by the Presidents of the different Homes for Orphans of Odd Fellows in Pennsylvania on Tuesday, the 4th of August, at 10:00 a. m., at the Odd Fellows' Temple in Philadelphia. There were present Brother H. M. Cutshall, President of the Home at Meadville; John A. Myler, President of the Home at Ben Avon, and Samuel A. Kensil, President of the Home at 20th and Ontario Streets, Philadelphia. Also Brother S. B. Boyer, who represented a Home about to be established at Sunbury. There were also present Brother John L. Miller, of Sunbury, of the Committee of Orphanage and Kindred Charities, and Brother Harry L. Neall, Representative of the Grand Lodge in the Home for Orphans of Odd Fellows at Philadelphia. Grand Master Amos H. Hall presided.

"The object of the meeting was to agree upon a division of the Lodges in the State to the several Homes so as to avoid all of the Homes making appeals to the different Lodges in the State, so that each Home shall only appeal to the Lodges in the counties assigned to each Home. After an interchange of views and opinions and an examination of the State map the following division was agreed upon:

"Philadelphia Home: The counties of Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin (south of Peter Mountain), Delaware, Franklin, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, Philadelphia and York.





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"Ben Avon Home: The counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Bedford, Blair, Butler, Cambria, Clearfield, Fayette, Fulton, Green, Huntingdon, Indiana, Jefferson, Lawrence, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland.

"Meadville Home: The counties of Clarion, Crawford, Elk, Erie, Forest, McKean, Mercer, Venango and Warren.

"Sunbury Home: The counties of Bradford, Carbon, Cameron, Centre, Clinton, Columbia, Dauphin (north of Peter Mountain), Juniata, Lackawanna, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Potter, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Tioga, Union, Wayne and Wyoming.

"The work of the representatives of the Homes was presented to the Grand Lodge officers and after an examination of the subject it was approved."

On the 7th day of August, 1896, with the thermometer registering about 101 in the shade the delegates met in the Court House in Sunbury for the purpose of adopting a Charter, that had been prepared by Past Grand Master Boyer, selecting Directors and arranging many minor matters.

Brother Boyer was selected President of the meeting, Rev. Thomas M. Bateman Vice President, and Brother G. T. L. Bowser, Secretary.

Although the petition as it was presented to the Grand Lodge, a few months previous to this time, contained but eighteen names, and these were the only Lodges interested at that time, now at this meeting we find a large delegation numbering at least five or six times the original number. How glad we were when we could see that the good work was being taken hold of by so many Lodges. All seemed to be present for business and it was soon as warm in the meeting as the weather on the street.

The Charter was adopted and the number of Directors fixed at forty. Each county represented was given one Director and then the ones thus chosen were constituted a committee to fix upon the number of Directors that each county was entitled to, after which the delegates from each county decided who should be the Directors from their county, and in this manner the matter of electing a full Board of Directors was arranged without any trouble.

The Directors met in the room adjoining the main court room and organized, by electing the following officers to serve until the annual meeting to be held in January, 1898: President, John L. Miller; First Vice President, S. B. Boyer; Second Vice President, Dr. W. H. J. Holman; Secretary, S. B. Hilliard; Assistant Secretary, Thomas M. Reed; Treasurer, Emanuel Malick.

The Charter, with the names of the Delegates, Lodges, Directors and Officers, will be found to be as follows:

## THE CHARTER

First: The proposed Corporation shall be known by the name, style and title of The Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania, and shall have full power and authority to make, have and use a common seal with such device as they may deem proper, and, by the name, style and title aforesaid, shall be able and capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court or courts, before judge or judges, in all manner of suits or complaints whatsoever.

Second: Said Corporation is formed for the purpose of purchasing a lot of ground or tract of land at or near the borough of Sunbury, in the county of Northumberland, Pennsylvania, to establish and maintain a Home wherein Orphans of deceased members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Pennsylvania shall be supported, maintained and educated in such a manner as the Grand Lodge may direct and the By-Laws prescribe.

Third: The main offices of the Corporation wherein its business is to be transacted, shall be in the Home unless otherwise provided for in the By-Laws.

Fourth: This Corporation shall exist perpetually and for charitable purposes only.

Fifth: Said Corporation shall be composed of the Grand and such Subordinate Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the State of Pennsylvania, who are now or may hereafter become members thereof. It has no capital stock and will be maintained by its own income, voluntary contributions by Lodges or individuals.

Sixth: Each Lodge shall or may elect annually, one member in good standing to represent it in the Corporation at such time or place as the By-Laws may provide. The Grand Lodge Officers shall be members of the Corporation ex-officio.

Seventh: The Board of Directors shall have the management of the affairs of the Corporation and shall consist of not less than ten nor more than forty members, as provided in the By-Laws, all of whom, except the representative from the Grand Lodge, who is ex-officio a member, shall be elected by the representatives elected by the Lodges to the Corporation, at such time and for such term as the By-Laws may direct.

Eighth: There shall annually be elected, a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer from the Board of Directors unless otherwise ordered by a three-fourths vote by the Directors; assistants may be appointed as may be deemed necessary.

Ninth: The terms and mode of admission of orphans, and all other matters pertaining to and necessary for the government of the Corporation, shall be determined by the By-Laws and rules to be estab-



lished by the Directors of the Corporation under this charter but not inconsistent to the laws of this Commonwealth or this Charter.

Tenth: No alteration or amendment shall be made to this Charter unless proposed in writing at a stated meeting of the Corporation, when the same shall lie over until the next stated meeting, and in the meantime all Lodges holding membership shall be notified of the proposed amendment. If the same be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the representatives present at the next annual meeting such amendment shall become a part of this Charter: provided, that the same be approved by the proper court.

Eleventh: The following are the petitioners for the Charter, with the name of the lodge and the number of the same opposite the name of each petitioner and they pray the Court to peruse and examine the same, and if the object, articles and conditions therein set forth and contained shall appear lawful and not injurious to the community, that the Court will make such order with regard to the same as is directed by the Act of Assembly in such cases made and provided, and if no sufficient reason be shown to the contrary that the Court will decree and declare that the petitioners shall according to the articles and conditions set forth and contained, become a Corporation provided and declared:

Name	No.	Location	Name	No.	Location
W. H. Hackenberg		84, Milton	R. H. Bussler	112,	Williamsport
S. B. Hilliard	619,	Watsonstown	Oscar Craig	759,	Washingtonville
John Hancock	125,	Shamokin	Nicholas Ernst	196,	Northumberland
S. B. Boyer	620,	Sunbury	C. A. Small	60,	Catawissa
John L. Miller	203,	Sunbury	Wm. G. Thomas	420,	Gilberton
J. C. Meyer	153,	Bellefonte	W. H. J. Holman	911,	Patterson
T. R. Landis	260,	Leck Kill	L. G. Yost	1075,	Nuremburg
John A. Rupp	894,	Boalsburg	M. R. Black	522,	Forksville
B. D. Brisbin	895,	Centre Hall	Thomas M. Reed	823,	Frackville
D. W. Glossner	427,	Blanchard	John C. Foulk	645,	Turbotville
P. A. Strausser	664,	Shamokin	H. H. Blair	855,	Williamsport
E. E. Kitchen	1061,	Shamokin	J. I. Garrison	641,	Daggett
Emanuel Malick	1092,	Shamokin	R. A. Davenport	591,	Shenandoah
Claude G. Harsch	887,	Wyoming	G. S. Brown	1051,	Mazeppa
J. O. Ide	712,	Lehman	P. S. Bergstresser	528,	Trevorton
J. I. Shoemaker	767,	Wyoming	D. R. Williams	279,	Danville
Lewis Brown	39,	Wilkes-Barre	J. F. Siekler	699,	Wyoming
C. A. West	709,	Kingston	E. M. Dunham	934,	Laporte
John Oram	863,	Edwardsdale	L. B. Speaker	305,	Hillsgrove
C. E. Whitesell	874,	Sweet Valley	D. Fetterman	614,	Augustaville
J. C. Dean	839,	Mountain Top	Philip Lewis	535,	Drums
Francis McFetrick	526,	Mansfield	G. S. Harding	274,	Covington
Byron G. Hahn	704,	Wilkes-Barre	C. E. Heim	570,	Williamsport
Z. E. Kimbel	398,	Liberty	A. Saxton	625,	New Germantown
Wm. Hacker	1035,	W. Pittston	A. Zimmerman	527,	Snydertown
Robert Wallace	941,	Pittston	C. W. Hartman	955,	Millheim
T. M. Bateman	737,	Girardville	T. P. Gheer	819,	Bellwood
Dr. L. P. Walley	131,	Mifflintown	C. R. Fisher	1007,	Williamsport
Thomas Nichols	314,	Pittston	Simon J. Bardo	399,	Montgomery
Reese T. Davis	538,	Ashland	Wm. T. Ditty	618,	Gowen City
J. J. Bobb	551,	Mahanoy	Royal H. Bussler	1001,	Cammal
Harry E. Colt	729,	Newberry	W. H. Kiess	662,	Williamsport

Name	No.	Location	Name	No.	Location
John S. Ellis	800,	Elkland	Wm. Spitler	716,	McAllisterville
D. H. Sheibley	172,	Landisburg	Van Grafius	236,	Montoursville
C. B. Ikler	746,	Benton	H. D. Clark	380,	New Bloomfield
Geo. D. Morgan	886,	Nanticoke	C. M. White	1091,	English Centre
Geo. L. Hafner	515,	Shenandoah	I. C. Lantz	357,	Thompstontown
William R. Eps	225,	Plymouth	Samuel Crowl	96,	Lewisburg
C. S. Snyder	548,	Elysburg	A. H. Billmeyer	623,	Pottsgrove
F. H. Palmer	754,	Mainsburg	W. H. Tomb	1028,	Slate Run
H. J. Demott	809,	Millville	M. McHenry	898,	Exchange
John S. Mertz	907,	Moosic	L. G. Stillman	818,	Ulysses
Asa P. Shaver	1078,	Trucksville	W. G. Hicks	873,	Nanticoke
J. E. Kehler	822,	Pitman	James H. Smith	630,	Mt. Carmel
H. K. Carson	101,	Jersey Shore	H. J. Smith	751,	Salladasburg
John Moyer	563,	Gratz	M. J. Phillips	321,	Sonestown
Samuel Clark	637,	Klingerstown	Geo. H. Knies	457,	White Haven
H. I. Romig	566,	Beaver Springs	C. W. Honeywell	642,	Plymouth

Twelfth: Names of Directors chosen to serve until the first election under the By-Laws that may be adopted by this Corporation:

Thomas M. Reed	John F. Lee	Byron G. Halm
Emanuel Malick	John Oram	C. A. Small
John Hancock	John L. Miller	R. A. Davenport
Z. E. Kimbel	Harry E. Colt	D. W. Glossner
H. I. Romig	H. H. Blair	S. B. Hilliard
Francis McFetrick	H. K. Carson	T. M. Bateman
P. S. Bergstresser	L. G. Yost	W. H. J. Holman
Nicholas Ernst	Samuel Crowl	R. H. Bussler
T. R. Landis	C. E. Whitesell	David R. Williams
John Moyer	J. F. Sickler	J. C. Dean
Reese T. Davis	J. I. Shoemaker	John I. Shoemaker
W. E. Auman	S. B. Boyer	Amos W. Saxton
J. O. Ide	Philip Lewis	E. I. Sturdevant
	Thomas Nichols	

Thirteenth: Names of Officers elected to serve until the first election after the By-Laws are adopted:

President, John L. Miller, Lodge No. 203, Sunbury.

First Vice President, S. B. Boyer, Lodge No. 620, Sunbury.

Second Vice President, Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Lodge No. 911, Patterson.

Secretary, S. B. Hilliard, Lodge No. 619, Watsonstown.

Assistant Secretary, Thomas M. Reed, Lodge No. 823, Frackville.

Treasurer, Emanuel Malick, Lodge No. 1092, Shamokin.

State of Pennsylvania,  
Northumberland County:

Before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid personally came John L. Miller, Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Thomas M. Reed and Emanuel Malick being four of those who have subscribed the foregoing articles of incorporation, who in due form of law acknowledge the same to be their act and deed and the act and deed of their associates, according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal the 7th day of August, A. D. 1896.

J. SIMPSON KLINE, (Seal).  
Notary Public.

Filed August 28, 1896, to No. 550 of September term, 1896, in the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County.

C. L. KREMER,  
Prothonotary.

I, C. L. Kremer, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, hereby certify that the above decree and order of court was duly entered to No. 550 September Term, 1896, and proof of publication was filed in this office.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 28th day of September, 1896.

C. L. KREMER, (Seal),  
Prothonotary.

And now, to wit, September 28, 1896, the foregoing certificate of incorporation having been duly acknowledged before J. Simpson Kline, a Notary Public of Northumberland County, and the same being duly certified under the hand and official seal of said Notary and having been duly presented to me, the undersigned, President Judge of said County, accompanied by proof of publication, I certify that I have perused and examined said instrument, and find the same in proper form and within the purposes named in the first class specified in the second section of the Act of Assembly, approved the 29th day of April, A. D. 1874, entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of certain corporations," and that the same appears lawful and not injurious to the community. It is therefore ordered and decreed that the said Charter be and the same is hereby approved, and upon the reading of the same and this order, the subscribers thereto and their associates shall be a corporation by the name of "The Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania" for the purposes and upon the terms therein stated.

By the Court,

C. R. SAVIDGE, P. J. (Seal).

Recorded September 29, 1896.

FREDERICK HAAS, Recorder.

The President appointed a Committee on By-Laws consisting of the following brothers: Royal H. Bussler, No. 112; J. C. Meyer, No. 153; Francis McFetrick, No. 526; H. K. Carson, No. 101, and Harry E. Colt, No. 729.

A Committee on Location was appointed as follows: Dr. W. H. J. Holman, No. 911, chairman; W. E. Auman, No. 131; H. I. Romig, No. 566; Reese Davis, No. 538; Robert A. Davenport, No. 591; J. F. Sickler, No. 699; Thomas Nichols, No. 314; D. R. Williams, No. 279; John



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First Superintendent

Moyer, No. 563; J. I. Shoemaker, No. 767; John Hancock, No. 125; J. O. Ide, No. 712; J. F. Lehman, No. 662; D. W. Glossner, No. 427, and W. H. Tomb, No. 1028.

This committee held a meeting on or about the eighth of November and a majority was present. Several persons appeared and offered properties for sale. The committee visited four or five farms and after considerable thought on the subject it was decided to recommend the purchase of the Hoover farm at \$6,000.00. The Board of Directors adopted the report of the Committee and ordered the purchase of the property. We paid \$25 on the day the article was signed, \$1,975 on or about the first day of February and the balance on the first day of April, 1897, when possession was given.

Very soon after the meeting in November some little dissatisfaction arose as to the location and a meeting of the Corporation was held in December when the action of the Committee on Location and the Board of Directors was ratified. The Committee on By-Laws presented a report embracing a full code of By-Laws, which was adopted.

On the 7th day of January, 1897, a meeting of the Board of Directors was held in Sunbury at which Brother John L. Miller was unanimously elected Superintendent and Mrs. Miller was unanimously elected Matron.

In accordance with the provisions of the By-Laws the President appointed the following standing Committees:

Committee on Admission: Dr. W. H. J. Holman, No. 911; H. I. Romig, No. 566; W. E. Auman, No. 131; John Moyer, No. 563; Amos D. Saxton, No. 625.

Committee on Education: Rev. Thomas M. Bateman, No. 737; L. G. Yost, No. 475; Thomas M. Reed, No. 823; Francis McFetrick, No. 526; Byron G. Hahn, No. 714.

Committee on Finance: Royal H. Bussler, No. 112; David R. Williams, No. 279; H. H. Blair, No. 855; Harry E. Colt, No. 729; H. K. Carson, No. 101.

Committee on Printing: J. F. Sickler, No. 699; John F. Lee, No. 538; Dr. Z. E. Kimbel, No. 398; J. C. Dean, No. 839; John Oram, No. 863.

Committee on Property: R. A. Davenport, No. 591; Thomas Nichols, No. 314; Reese T. Davis, No. 538; John Hancock, No. 125; J. C. Meyer, No. 153.

Committee on Supplies: Emanuel Malick, No. 1092; T. R. Landis, No. 260; C. A. Small, No. 60; J. I. Shoemaker, No. 767; C. E. Whitesell, No. 874.

From December, 1896, to April, 1897, there were many anxious days for those upon whom the greatest responsibility seemed to rest. The money came in so slowly that we were not sure that the required amount would be on hand when needed, and sometimes the discouragements

were so great that the leaders felt that they would be far better contented had they never taken hold of the enterprise. Some never lost heart, however, and by kind, cheerful words encouraged all and created within them a greater determination to succeed, regardless of the many hindrances that might be found in the way. The effort was crowned with success and April, 1897, found our Corporation in possession of \$6,000.00 worth of real estate and all paid for. Permission was now given to the Corporation by the Grand Lodge Officers to take up the work for which it was organized. Brother John L. Miller and his wife took charge of the property as soon as possession was given. We now had a farm but no money to purchase furniture for the house or equipment for the farm. We were very fortunate in having a brother at the head of the enterprise who had a little loose cash; so Brother Miller advanced approximately \$3,000.00 for these necessities.

The Rebekah Lodges came to our assistance at the right time, as they always do, and furnished many things that were needed. During the first summer, owing to the small amount of money at our command, but little aid was given to the Matron. She did the general housework; milked the cows; did the scrubbing and the washing; did the baking for the Home; performed the duties of a farmer's wife in addition to looking after the comfort and welfare of Wards and the Home. ALL HONOR TO THIS NOBLE, GOD FEARING, UNSELFISH WOMAN.

During the year 1897 the following named children were admitted:

Edwin Miller and Clarence Miller on June 7th, then followed Gertrude May Slagenwhite, Leroy J. Kissel, Carrie M. Long, John H. Long, George W. Schwenk, Walter J. Havens, William Jones, Robert Jones, Hannah Jones, Mary Gover, Martha Gover, Edward Williams, Harry Williams and Laura Williams.

At the close of the year 1897 our total assets were \$11,559.86. We had an indebtedness of \$2,443.57, making our net assets \$9,116.29 and we thought we were becoming wealthy. This amount included \$540.98, which was the amount of money in the hands of the Treasurer.

At the annual meeting in January, 1898, we had a roll of 109 Lodges and how happy we were although we scarcely knew how to conduct the Corporation meeting. Twenty-four new members were elected to the Board of Directors as follows: G. A. Brody, D. F. Knittle, T. W. Nicholas, G. M. Tomb, J. F. Lehman, Philip Lewis, E. W. Safford, David Davis, A. P. Nichol, J. C. Laird, J. C. Dean, C. W. Honeywell, J. C. Meyer, C. F. Lindig, S. F. Arnold, R. B. Frick, A. D. Hay, Dr. L. P. Walley, E. C. Wagner, Osear Craig, T. H. Ramage, J. W. Bastian, C. G. Harsch and C. L. Granley.

Dr. W. H. J. Holman was advanced to the position of First Vice President; G. A. Brody was elected Second Vice President; Brother E. W. Safford was chosen Assistant Secretary. The first Building Committee consisted of Brother John L. Miller, E. C. Wagner, J. C. Meyer, Dr. W. H. J. Holman and Emanuel Malick. The first contribution received



from the Grand Lodge amounted to \$2,137.83; this was taken from the 25 cent per capita tax and was our share as apportioned under a rule governed by the aggregate number of weeks children were maintained in the Homes; this rule has been applied in all the past distributions. In the earlier days of this fund each Orphans' Home received \$800 as a basis of expense, and the balance divided as per rule just cited. Later, however, this amount was changed to \$2,500.

During the year 1898 the Building Committee got busy and the capacity of the Home was doubled. A summer house was situated a few feet west and a little north of the main building. These buildings were connected and enlarged, making a very nice structure and ample for the accommodation of fifty children. A nicely proportioned school room was provided in the northeast corner of the main extension, now used as a play room by the kindergarten department of the Home. When necessity required this room was used as an extra sleeping apartment.

Miss Florence V. Stoner was the first school teacher. The cost of the furniture for the school room was \$75, and books and other necessities caused an expenditure of \$83.28. Brother C. L. Gramley as chairman of the Educational Committee recommended the purchase of an organ for the school. This was referred to Brothers A. D. Hay, J. I. Shoemaker and C. G. Harsch, who reported that the suggestion should be carried out. Lady Esther Rebekah Lodge No. 74, of Tunkhannock, took the matter out of our hands by purchasing an organ and presenting it to the Home. Dear reader, this is the way many of the needs of our Home have been supplied. We recognize the Sisters as a blessing to our work.

The Building Committee reported work done to the amount of \$4,745.01. We had no money that would justify such an expense but as has happened frequently in our experience we met a brother who had an idea. So Brother David Boyd stepped in at the right time; canvassed the district and received sufficient encouragement to warrant the publishing of an Art Business Directory which netted the Home \$3,037, and an Art Souvenir which gave us \$1,367.

On October 11, 1898, the Home was dedicated by Grand Master Samuel McKeever, assisted by other Grand Officers and officers of the Home. In his report of the work done for the year 1898 President Miller says, "The success of our Home is sufficient to make every Odd Fellow's heart throb with joy and gratitude. Let us hope that the interest manifested in this charitable work in Central Pennsylvania will spread like a hallowed contagion from heart to heart until every brother in our district rejoices in contributing to its support." The following applications for admission were approved in 1898: Chester A. Dinsmore, Guy P. Towsey, Florence Marsden, Emma J. Marsden, William Glen Beuter, Lelia May Beuter, Merton G. McConnell, Harold J. McConnell, Gertrude E. Phillips, Oliver T. Phillips, Emerson C. Cook, Mary Lena Cook, William A. Hepner, Frederick P. McLaren, John William Lenhart, Vernon M. Rohrbach, Mary M. Rohrbach, Clarence A. Hoyt, John



Evan Jones and Rachael Jones. Some time in this year we sold to the Pennsylvania Railroad a piece of ground 60 feet by 176 feet upon which a nice station has been erected and named Orphanage. The old stop was about a quarter of a mile farther east and was called Bright. Many fruit trees and bushes were planted in 1898. At the annual meeting of the Corporation, January, 1899, ten new members were selected on the Board of Directors, viz.: I. Clinton Kline, John H. Haag, A. Abarbanell, H. C. Hoff, H. Kapp, James H. Smith, Adam Batdorf, J. F. Singley, S. A. Dunn and Levi Batdorf. This action left but twelve of the original Board of Directors. Brother I. C. Kline was elected Second Vice President, and Brother J. I. Shoemaker Assistant Secretary. The other officers were re-elected. The first trustees were elected this year and consisted of Brothers F. S. Heverly, No. 153, Hon. L. E. Atkinson of No. 357, Nicholas Ernst of No. 196, David Hostrander of No. 1001, and W. A. Nicely of No. 619. When we purchased the farm the public road was close to the building and a deep water course extended between the barn and the summer house; stake-and-rider and post-and-rail fences were all over the property and were not in good condition. This year saw all the old fences taken away; the public road changed to a point about 125 feet south of the old road and a driveway made to the new station from the new road.

The applications for the admission of the following named children were approved: Foster C. Hoyt, Alma S. Ahrensfield, Peter Leroy Shaw, William Monroe Shaw, Catherine B. Havens, John H. Pritchard, Ralph D. Pritchard, Alouis E. Grieshaber, Ernest S. Eisenhart, Jacob S. Eisenhart, Emily C. Green, Martha H. Green.

At the annual meeting in January, 1900, the following named brothers were elected new members of the Board of Directors: Robert Davis, P. A. Strawser, John W. Steele, John Phillips, J. W. Simmers, L. H. Bernheisel, Robert Peele, E. H. Wingert and C. T. Snover. Only one change in the Officers was made, Dr. Z. E. Kimbel was chosen Second Vice President. The total amount paid for improvements during the year was \$1,500, including a play house which was built east of the main building at a cost of \$442. When our By-Laws were first adopted the age limit for the children to remain at the Home was fixed at sixteen years. This was changed during this year to eighteen years. January 9, 1900, Brother A. D. Hay gave \$10 to start a library for which \$80.50 was secured that day. A committee was empowered to solicit money for a Home for the Aged to be located on our property. During this year seven applications for admission were approved, viz.: Charlotte Dennis, Margaret Dennis, Ellery S. Margargel, Clayton E. Magargel, Hulda F. Koons, Maude M. Meyers, and Fred McGillivray.

At our January meeting, 1901, Brothers Alexander Moore, G. F. Clark, W. B. Rankin, C. W. Stowell and Daniel Hamlin were the new members of the Board of Directors. Brother E. C. Wagner was elected Second Vice President. On July 9, 1901, President Miller resigned and was succeeded by Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Brother E. C. Wagner

was advanced to the First Vice Presidency and Brother R. H. Bussler was elected Second Vice President. Brother and Sister Miller resigned as Superintendent and Matron and were succeeded by Brother C. R. Burgess and wife. The Home became free of debt toward the close of this year and every person rejoiced. We had a net balance of \$153.80 in the Treasury. (Today we would become very much alarmed if our Treasury would get so low). The applications of Harry McGillivray and Gertie Jones were the only ones approved this year. Our Corporation meetings were now becoming so well attended that they were held in the M. E. Church building located east of our property. We appropriated \$25 this year for the use of the building.

In the year 1902 the Property Committee suggested that we make preparations to erect larger buildings and make them fireproof. During this year the play house was converted into a school house and the school room in the main building was made a boys' dormitory. This increased the capacity of the Home to 67. At our January meeting Brothers J. W. Stroh, W. L. Olley, D. J. Haas, S. A. Bevan, Francis Glass, John W. Morgan, H. A. Denny and D. F. Frear were the new members of the Board of Directors. Brother C. L. Gramley was chosen Second Vice President. The first issue of the "Bugle Notes" was circulated in January or February, 1902. Plans were ordered for a new building and Lodges communicated with and a general movement made towards securing better accommodations. Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Dr. L. P. Walley, S. B. Hilliard, E. C. Wagner and Robert Davis were appointed a Committee to look after the matter. During this year several children were treated at the Hospital. Our Home management has always been careful to have our children enjoy the best of health and the greatest comforts obtainable permitted by our financial ability. The following applications for admission were approved: John C. Evans, William R. Grieshaber, Evan T. Jones, Thomas W. Morgan, Byron E. Morgan, Elizabeth White, William C. Gumpfer, Hattie C. Gumpfer, Evalina Laffin, Ida G. Laffin, Alice L. Baumann, Herman Baumann, Emma M. McSurtly, Howard Jones, Hattie Jones, Lester S. Flick, Raymond A. F. Seymour, Charles F. E. Seymour, Thomas Jones, Frank W. Fertig, George Schmiek, Albert F. Davis, Robert J. McLaren, M. Ray Grow, Charles I. Grow.

In 1903, the names of Evan Challis, J. G. Zimmerman, Daniel Reeser, C. S. Snyder, T. B. Lance, E. W. English and F. A. Boyle were added to the Board of Directors. Brother Robert Davis was elected Treasurer. This year was one of hard work for all who were interested in raising money for the proposed new buildings. Many letters were sent to the Lodges of the district; a brother identified with the Home was selected in each County in our district to take charge of securing subscriptions which resulted in \$3,000 being subscribed the first six months. The knotty question was "taxation without representation," and it was a mighty difficult matter to change the sentiment in some localities. At this time the question of consolidating the four Homes was talked of and many refused to do anything in favor of our new building sub-



DR. W. H. J. HOLMAN  
President 1901-1906



scription. A committee consisting of Brothers E. C. Wagner, S. B. Hilliard, M. E. Chubbuck, Byron G. Hahn and J. C. Meyer was appointed to present our needs to the representatives attending the Grand Lodge from our district. A meeting was called and about 200 were present. The children of the Home were invited to visit the Grand Lodge at the session to be held in Easton the following year. Eva E. Schmick and Gilbert M. Gerling were the only ones whose applications were approved by the Committee on Admission. The age limit was being debated by the Committee on Homes and Kindred Charities and our President with the other three Presidents of Orphans Homes met the Committee at Ben Avon Home. Three held out for eighteen years. Our school building was enlarged and two rooms equipped.

At the annual meeting in January, 1904, but two new names appear in the Board of Directors, viz.: J. F. L. Long and P. L. Appleman. The old officers were re-elected. This year saw the Bugle Notes recognized as the official organ of the Home and a Committee appointed consisting of Brothers A. D. Hay, C. L. Gramley and L. P. Walley to assist in managing the paper. The Grand Lodge office sent us \$8,101 from the per capita tax. The children of the Home accompanied by proper attendants and several officers visited the Grand Lodge as per invitation and received \$361 from a hat collection. The following named children were ordered admitted to the Home: Reginald C. S. James, Arthur W. James, William A. Mateer, Edward J. Jodry, Mabel E. Jodry, John Irvin Harny, Samuel V. Harny, Philip H. Lenhart, Ralph Lenhart, George O. Towsey. The applications of six children were approved by our Committee and the children were admitted to the Home in Philadelphia. George Dennis and Martha E. Gumpfer were also admitted to our Home this year. A petition was sent to the Grand Lodge through the Committee on Homes and Kindred Charities praying for the privilege of taking up the work of caring for the aged Odd Fellow and his wife. This was favorably reported by the Committee and adopted by the Grand Lodge at the Session held in Easton. Upon the strength of this action the Committee on Promotion identified with our Home sent out many letters to the Lodges of our district asking for contributions for the proposed new building. About \$1,500 was received this year for this object. It was decided to place all money received for membership fees in the new building fund. This plan has been continued for the succeeding years. On September 22, a slight fire damaged the property but did not extend beyond the matron's room and it required \$190 to repair the damage. Immediately after the fire better protection was arranged by the laying of pipes; furnishing a cistern with a capacity of 23,000 gallons of water at an elevation of 100 feet; the placing of fire plugs and securing proper hose. In January, 1905, Brothers John H. Klase, Orman Newall, J. B. Forhier, S. C. Willets and S. J. Durst were made members of the Board of Directors. Brother J. W. Stroh was elected Second Vice President; all the other old officers were re-elected. No change had been made in the Board of Trustees until this year when we find Brothers L. B. Speaker,

John Beufield, I. T. Honeywell, John Burns and Hon. L. E. Atkinson were elected. At this meeting a new plan was submitted for the new Home building. It was decided to change the matter entirely and have a group of buildings instead of one large building. The Boys' Dormitory was to be built first and work was to be started as soon as the required amount of money was on hand. We now had about \$2,500 and proceeded to make a special appeal in every channel through which money could be raised. The M. E. Church property was purchased for \$300. This building was situated a few hundred feet east of our first main building. The President recommended the removal of the barn to a point east of the main building and that land be purchased upon which to place it and that the buildings and grounds be lighted by electricity. Ellsworth Berlin, Patience Berlin, Dwight S. Berlin, Harold Roderick, Gertrude Foss, Lucy Foss and Thomas S. Foss were approved for admission.

In January, 1906, Brothers Percival Rudy, C. H. Springer, George A. Walker and John Clark were made new members of the Board of Directors. The President, Dr. W. H. J. Holman, had been elected five times in succession and now requested that his name be not considered for another term. The request was granted and the Board was organized by the election of E. C. Wagner as President; J. W. Stroh, First Vice President, and A. D. Hay, Second Vice President; the other officers were re-elected. Brothers Francis Hoover, Reuben Featherly, William Thomas, C. D. Kressley and H. C. Bittenbinder were elected Trustees. We now had \$4,098 in the new building fund and an equal amount subscribed. Brothers W. H. J. Holman, Orman Newell, J. I. Shoemaker, J. W. Zimmerman and Emanuel Malick were appointed a special Committee to have charge of collecting funds for the new buildings. During this year over \$6,000 was received for this fund. At the July meeting of the Directors, we changed our minds again and a one building plan was adopted and the work was ordered to be begun in April, 1907. The children of the Home were drilled and trained so they could give very pleasing entertainments. A great call came from different sections of the district for the children and thousands of dollars were brought into the building fund through this channel. The following applications for the admission of children were approved: Winfred C. Jordain, Thomas J. Jordain, Mary B. Fishburn, Lola V. Fishburn, Carl M. McCallum, Lawrence W. McCallum, Forest J. Root, Melinda E. Root, Howard D. Perkins, Lillian Perkins, Henry Perkins, Margaret Jones, Marguerite E. Harden, Lola M. DeLong, Mary E. DeLong and Paul Root.

In 1907, Brothers H. B. C. Russell, E. E. Weaver, W. H. Dendle, C. A. Smith, W. E. Davis, T. J. Chase and P. M. Hanes were elected to the Board of Directors. Brother Evan Challis was named Second Vice President. Brothers James L. Morgan, David Griffith, Fred Newell, A. D. Kenyon and J. E. Rockwell were elected Trustees. Everybody got busy this year; many new committees were appointed to look after special work in the interest of the new building. A new soliciting committee



was appointed consisting of Brothers H. B. C. Russell, T. J. Chase, John S. Eby, R. A. Davenport and Emanuel Malick. The Superintendent and Matron, Brother C. R. Burgess and wife, declined to serve after March 8th. By resolution of the Board of Directors a committee consisting of Brothers J. W. Stroh, Robert Davis, S. B. Hilliard, C. L. Gramley and L. P. Walley was empowered to select a Superintendent and Matron. Brother E. E. Chubbuck and wife were selected by the Committee and the action was ratified by the Board of Directors at their next meeting. These good people took charge of the Home March 8, 1907. During this year more than \$14,000 was received for the building fund, of this amount over \$5,000 was brought in by the children through their entertainments. We were now ready to proceed with the work and bids were solicited for the construction of the building. Several bids were received and the contract was given to Weaver & Son of Harrisburg for \$21,882.95. On Friday, May 17th, several Brothers assembled on the proposed site for the new building. The lines for the foundation were fixed. Brother J. W. Stroh offered a prayer asking our Heavenly Father's blessing upon the work we were beginning, and Brother Wagner began it by digging the first shovelful of dirt. The corner-stone was laid August 15th in the presence of about 3,000 persons. The following named Grand Officers were in attendance: Grand Master, Rev. B. H. Hart; Deputy Grand Master, Christian W. Myers; Grand Secretary, Joseph H. Mackey; Grand Marshal, Dr. W. H. J. Holman; Grand Conductor, C. N. Mumma; Past Grand Master, M. E. Chubbuck, was the Acting Grand Warden; Brother Austin Wilvert, Acting Grand Treasurer, and Rev. E. E. Weaver, Acting Grand Chaplain. Addresses were made by the Grand Master, by Hon. W. H. M. Aram and Brother J. W. Stroh. The good Lord sent us sunshine and the occasion was a grand success. It has been stated that about 73,000 pieces of printed matter were sent out to create the desired interest in this event. The applications for admission of the following named children were approved: Alma G. Dunkleberger, Robert R. Dunkleberger, Iva May Dunkleberger, Matthew Shrive, John W. Shrive, Cecil Shrive, Griffith Davis, Daniel Davis, Raymond Schopp, Wm. D. Schopp, Chas. L. Schopp, Mildred Davies, Harold E. Fuller, George C. Fuller, Louis Matter, John D. Matter, Charlotte K. DeLong.

In January, 1908, the new members of the Board of Directors were Brothers J. E. Rockwell, F. M. Lohman, H. K. Corson, C. E. Park, Francis Hoover, J. D. Lowrey, A. B. Kenyon and E. E. Cocher. The old officers were re-elected. Brothers J. H. Klase, John B. Fortner, James L. Morgan, I. Clinton Kline and W. H. Dendle were the new Trustees. Eighty-nine children were now in the Home. Electric light lines were run from East Sunbury on our own poles so that we could enjoy the long desired convenience. This is the first year that the "Bugle Notes" was self-sustaining; a net surplus of \$94.53 is reported. The Home family moved to the new building on December 24, 1908. What a glorious Christmas for the Home! Quite a change from the old! Many comforts and conveniences are enjoyed in the new not known

in the old. Here is a Home in the country with all the equipments enjoyed in our city residences, including steam heat, electric light, sewerage system and electric power. Truly the Lord has directed our steps. During the year \$11,517.12 was paid into the New Building Fund. The Grand Lodge sent us \$8,899.74 for our General Fund. The applications for the following named children were approved: John H. Brown, David C. Brown, Emory P. Campbell, David Watkins, William G. Jordan, Alta R. Robb, Nannie G. Robb, Richard Jones, J. G. Carlisle Metz, Myrtle Jones, Mary Watkins, Lila M. Ardrey, Lillian E. Roberts, Victor A. Roberts, John C. Lorah, Emerson H. Lorah, Dean Lorah, Myrtle Dunkleberger, Evan Jones, Frank Holt, Russell Williams and Arthur Williams.

At the annual meeting, in 1909, Brothers John Stevens, G. W. Morton, Philip J. Vetter, Frank Halderman, Harry E. Trego, Fred C. Hanyen, A. A. Myers and John C. Funk were the new members of the Board of Directors. The old officers and the old Board of Trustees were re-elected. Rules and regulations for the government of the Home for the Aged were presented to the Lodges for approval. The new building was dedicated on June 17th by Grand Master James S. Montgomery, assisted by John Wilkinson, Grand Marshal; E. W. Stillman, Grand Chaplain; Usher A. Hall, High Priest; Alexander Edgar, Fred C. Hanyen, Harry Smith, W. H. Kiess, Hattie Mendel, Mary N. Joslyn, Sarah A. E. Coble and Jane Roberts. Addresses were made by the Grand Master, the President of the Assembly, Past Grand Master Hart, President Wagner and Vice President Stroh. The Rebekahs of the district looked after feeding the people. The Grand Lodge gave us the remaining portion of Dauphin County and took from us Cameron, Potter and Tioga Counties. Thirty-nine Lodges and Encampments joined our Corporation this year. The following applications were approved: Ruth Sherman, Leroy H. Sherman, Frank H. Gingrich, Walter L. Gingrich, Hugh C. Gebhart, Amy M. Jones, John G. Jones, Howard Nelmes, John T. Nelmes, John B. Hartman, Clara M. Root, Boies P. Mateer, Jay M. D. Mateer, Clara Yates, Susie Yates, William Yates, Kathryn Powell, Beatrice Powell, Jennie C. Mateer, Grace E. Campbell, Clarence A. Flemming, Amy C. Wickizer, Howard V. Wickizer, Myrtle J. Wickizer, James L. Campbell, Raymond Williams, Joseph Riehens, Stanley Williams, Herbert Williams, David Williams, Sarah Williams, Marlin L. Woodling, Margaret E. Schenek, Lawrence P. Radle, Philip R. Radle, Edith M. Sherman, Alden Mateer.

In 1910, Brothers L. M. Diee, E. T. Browning, J. B. Fortner, Roy D. Beman, D. G. Griffith, A. L. Peachy, Chas. A. Widle, B. P. Ureh and R. A. Barrow were made Directors. Brother Fred C. Hanyen was elected Second Vice President. Brother D. D. Dyke was the new member of the Board of Trustees. All other officers were re-elected. One hundred and eighteen children were being cared for in the Home at a cost of \$14,924 per year. The time for the annual meeting was changed from January to July. Plans were secured for a new school house. Tioga County made a vigorous kick about being taken from our district and

the Grand Lodge ordered it returned. We had three teachers in the school this year, also a music teacher at stated visits. The old Board of Directors continued to serve for an additional six months owing to the change in the time of the annual meeting. The following applications were approved: Laura M. Hill, George H. Yost, William J. Yost, Albert S. Yost, Edgar S. Lorah, Carrie C. Brown, Arthur E. Artz, Marvin K. Artz, Doris M. Artz, David C. Artz, Oswald Jones, Kathryn L. Taylor, Max M. Taylor, Mabel Worthington, Thomas W. Lewis, James L. Lewis, Lillian Shrive, Lester Shrive, Irene Shrive, Norma E. Mayes, Minnie Mayes.

In the year 1911 four new names were added to the list of Directors, viz.: Brothers W. C. Cowles, Fred W. Deeths, J. D. Mull and W. R. Avery; Brother O. B. Blanchard was the new Trustee. During these first fourteen years only two children had died at the Home of the hundreds who had been admitted. A dental outfit was purchased and a room fitted up for the care of the children's teeth. A Sunbury dentist came at stated times. The proposed new school building was ordered built and the foundation walls were laid. The following applications were approved: Ambrose C. Wagner, Walter J. Gicking, Gladys J. Gicking, Carrie E. Gicking, Philip Richards, Irene Worthington, Florence M. Bast, Jeremiah F. Bašt, Laura F. Rabe, Samuel E. Pealer, John J. Weidner, Viola M. Weidner, Edna H. Weidner, Leroy M. Weidner, Bernice I. Lorah, Irma R. Morgan, Edgar T. Morgan, Elizabeth E. Dunkleberger, Emma M. Dunkleberger, Carrie C. Dunkleberger, William I. Mann.

At the annual meeting, in 1912, Brothers E. Gearinger, T. W. Marvin, W. F. Rentz and Charles Walters were named Directors; the old Trustees and Officers were re-elected. The new school building was completed. It was built under the supervision of our Superintendent, Brother Chubbuck, and much money was saved thereby. The first brick was laid April 17, 1912. Our President, Brother E. C. Wagner, died during this year; Brother J. W. Stroh was elected President; Brother Fred C. Hanyen, First Vice President, and Brother Roy D. Beman, Second Vice President. The steam heating plant was erected; it heated all the buildings occupied by our children; 4,400 feet of pipe were required. Almost \$8,000 was paid into the new school building fund during the year. Fifteen children were enrolled in the kindergarten and 120 in the regular school. The expense of maintaining the schools was \$1,693. The following applications were approved: Cecil L. Harrison, Jonathan Thomas, David Thomas, G. Wagner Colyer, Margaret J. Thomas, Thomas J. Thomas, William M. Thomas, Ruth Silcox, James Silcox, Chas. P. Payton, William R. Payton, Margaret Morris, John P. Morris, Helen Morris, Ruth M. Kobel, Kathryn E. Kobel, Edith M. Kobel, I. Florence Croffut, George C. Croffut, Elizabeth T. Croffut, Francis L. Croffut, Chas. W. Shannon, James H. Shannon, Sarah J. Green, Margaret E. Green, George C. Green, Gertrude M. Pealer, John Morton, Hector Morton, Celia Morton, Kathryn P. Marquette, Lucile





E. C. WAGNER  
President 1906-1912



M. Marquette, Russell R. Pealer, Marian Payton, George A. Wickizer, Helen A. Wickizer, Norman E. Dunkleberger, Mildred Grace Colyer.

In 1913, the old school building was ordered converted into a hospital and the old main building into a Nursery Annex. The Zimmerman farm bordering on the east, was purchased for \$5,000. Brothers James Case, W. H. Williams, Wm. F. Satchell, Francis Hoover and W. H. Snavely were made Directors. Brothers M. R. Alleman and D. D. Dyke were placed on the Board of Trustees. We began to get coal from the creek running south of our property at a cost of \$1.25 per ton. November 1st, the old barn burned and also the Chapel which had been converted into a dwelling. About \$5,000 was received on an appeal after the fire. The receipts from all sources for the year were \$32,572. The applications approved this year were as follows: Ellen V. Oats, Beatrice P. Rathburn, John R. Rathburn, Leone M. Shane, Mary J. Shane, John Pinto, Edward Rodgers.

In 1914, three new names were added to the Board of Directors, viz.: Brothers Theodore Lindemuth, Lloyd P. Kintner and J. W. Maus. Brother A. H. Ramburger was the new Trustee. Our Secretary, Brother S. B. Hilliard, who had served our Corporation from its beginning, died in March of this year. Brother H. I. Romig was elected Secretary, and Brother L. M. Dice Assistant Secretary. The large barn located on the Zimmerman farm was erected and is in keeping with the other buildings of the Home. During this year the township school board gave us \$239.42 of the money returned to them by the State. A companion for the boys and as general overseer and assistant to the Superintendent was secured and is one of the positions considered a necessity. At the July meeting it was resolved to have a Band composed of the requisite number of our Home boys. Brother W. H. Calhoun was chosen Instructor. To be in company with "our class" we purchased an automobile. A garage was suggested and an appeal was sent out which brought in the snug sum of \$1,784. This year saw our roll of children run to 142 and our permanent fund footed up \$10,700. Everybody is good to us. The following applications were approved: Edna E. Kyle, Janette Kyle, Harriet P. Jackson, Oscar P. Simonds, Amy V. Simonds, William E. Dale, Paul L. Dale, Theodore R. Rickenbaugh, Wm. E. Rickenbaugh, George N. Rickenbaugh, William H. Taylor, Clinton B. Shellhammer, Benjamin L. Morgan, Marie Morgan, Jessie M. Morgan, Janette Morgan, George P. Artz, Max A. Lowe, Bessie B. Hartman, Albert M. Orr, Edna E. Orr, Willard C. Rank, Robert B. Renner, Naomi Renner.

The year 1915 saw five changes in the Board of Directors, the new members being Brothers D. T. Rishel, Gus Ritzen, C. P. Wheatley, David M. Brown and Ed. V. Hight. W. C. Roberts was the new Trustee. The Band played for the Directors at the January meeting which was less than six months after its organization. Within one year the sum of \$1,300 was received from contributions and \$386 from earnings of the Band for Band purposes. The cost of instruments,

uniforms, music and instruction amounted to \$1,584. This nice showing was started by Mrs. J. D. Mull, President of the Assembly, by giving \$1.05 which had been given to her by Hoffnung Rebekah Lodge of Wilkes-Barre. The calling of the roll of delegates was ordered set aside as requiring too much time. A girls' orchestra was organized under the instruction of Brother Calhoun. Brother J. D. Mull was the member of the Educational Committee to whom was assigned the work of securing the required amount of money to equip the Band and Orchestra. How successful he was is shown by the figures. In the summer of 1915 moving pictures were taken of our Home and its surroundings, the children, the officers, the directors and visitors. These have been on exhibition in many localities throughout the state and have brought a nice sum to our treasury as well as being a great advertising medium. At the July meeting of the delegates it was decided to observe the twentieth anniversary of the granting of the charter. A committee consisting of Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Fred C. Hanyen, Roy D. Beman, Robert Davis and J. W. Maus was appointed to make all necessary arrangements. The following applications were approved: Alice M. Painter, Edith V. Painter, Kenneth Richards, Bruce B. Barnes, William J. Williams, Margaret A. Williams, John Pirro, Anthony Pirro, Homer E. Daley, Hester L. Long, Miles H. Long, Margaret Bedell, Charles Bedell, Grace Bedell, Ralph Bedell, Willis G. Snyder, Dorrance M. Snyder, Lydia M. Snyder, David L. Rank, Rita Smith, David L. Massman, Chas. W. Connolly, Wallace M. Connolly, Alice G. Connolly, David C. Cowfer, Frances N. Cowfer, Violet L. Cowfer, Lydia M. Williams, Emily Williams, Edgar Williams, Florence Williams, Frederick Williams, Horace Williams and Carrie Daley.

In 1916, Brothers John F. Miller, Stanley Roderick, O. B. Blanchard and E. R. Warner were the new Directors. Brothers W. M. Keller and Chas. F. Depue were elected Trustees. A building committee was appointed to secure plans for more room for the accommodation of the children now knocking at our doors. The committee consisted of Brothers Robert Davis, W. E. Davis, J. D. Mull, Fred C. Hanyen, Roy D. Beman, Superintendent E. E. Chubbuck and President J. W. Stroh. When our new building was erected we deemed it ample for the accommodation of all who would apply for admission but it was soon filled. About 265 Lodges and Encampments were members of our Corporation. A band room was provided on the second floor of the garage. The orchestra used one of the small rooms in the school building.

The celebration of the Twentieth Anniversary was held September 4, 1916, and was a grand success, about 5,000 being present. The sisters of the Rebekah branch of our Order took a great interest in arranging for and serving the refreshments. The hearts of the members of the Committee were made glad and all felt that the occasion would be an incentive to all to do more work for our Order, for our Home, for our Brother and for our Brother's child.

The Home owned about fifty head of cattle. Butter had been made previous to August of this year. It was thought best to sell the milk

and purchase the butter. During the year all farm products used by the Home were charged to the Current Expense Account at the same price that they could have been purchased at wholesale. The cash thus taken from the Expense Account was placed in the Farm Account and all expenses in running the Farm were paid from the Farm Account. The net gain on the farm amounted to \$1,647.92. A new silo was added to the large barn recently erected on the Zimmerman farm. An electric pump was installed at the well north of the old Main Building. One hundred and fifty-two of our wards attended school in 1916. The "Bugle Notes" had an average circulation of 2,600 and showed a balance of \$1,158.65 in the fund.

The Manual Training Department was arranged for during the year. The Salary for the Superintendent was fixed at \$1,100, and that of the Matron at \$700 for the following twelve months.

This year found about 60,000 men and women in Central Pennsylvania District who had an interest in our children's welfare, many of whom did what they could to increase the power and work of the Home.

About \$5,000 was secured toward the new building project. The following new wards were admitted, viz.: Thelma B. Clark, David L. Clark, Bertha May Clark, M. Elizabeth Kemp, Robert E. Kemp, Harold D. Kemp, Chester E. Wood, Girard M. Wood, Clayton E. Wood, W. Bedell Kemp, G. Harold Brown, Irene Simonds, G. Merrill Naylor, M. Pearl Naylor, Pauline Jackson, Edward D. Bedell, Geraldine Franklin, Phoebe Franklin, Archie Franklin, Catherine Franklin.

The idea of printing the names of the standing committees on cards for the convenience of the Directors and others interested, was adopted this year. The Building Committee was authorized as a new standing committee, and was added to the list.

According to the report of the Committee on Homes it cost our Home \$3.40 per week to care for and educate each child in 1916.

The year 1917 brought several changes in the Board of Directors and Trustees. Brothers W. G. Lentz, Thomas F. Lark, F. A. Boyle, Robert Shearer and A. W. Kear were new names on the list of Directors, and G. M. Kline as a Trustee. The President stated in his report that the "expenses were almost frightfully high" because they amounted to \$35,404.16, while the income, according to the same report, was \$38,429.41, not including the gifts to the Permanent Fund. Brother W. R. Avery presented a gavel and a block of marble to the Board of Directors. Lightning Rods were ordered placed on all our buildings.

It had been the custom to allow the children a vacation, that is, some time had been given to them to visit their old home and friends during the summer, but this privilege was discontinued in 1917 because it was deemed advisable to retain our children in the country rather than send them to the cities and towns. The milk not needed for Home use had been sold to a dealer prior to this summer, but our Superintendent, Brother Chubbuck, concluded that more money could be made by selling it direct to the consumer, so this is the year the "I. O. O. F. Orphanage

Dairy" truck began running to Sunbury. The Band and the Orchestra were kept busy filling engagements throughout the State. The receipts from these trips amounted to \$2,559.79 during the year. A letter was written from Gordon, Pa., by Brother A. J. Moyer after the Band had visited that town and a little part of a paragraph is quoted to show the effect on many of our people:

"I have never heard or seen the Orphanage Band before, owing to press of business, but when I heard and saw those boys, a strange feeling crept into my heart—a feeling that is not common to the hearts of old bachelors like myself; those boys, how can I describe them—mannerly little gentlemen of the old school. It does not take the eye of an expert to see that the morale of the Home must be simply perfect."

The following new wards were admitted to our Home joys, viz.: Joy Victor Teisher, Hannah Teisher, John Teisher, W. Kinsley Teisher, Harland Simonds, Peter Bedell, Karl W. Baum, Iva L. Reeder, N. Marie Baum.

The year 1918 gave us an "Order of Business" presented by the Committee on By-Laws. The World War drew the United States into the fray and we had 31 of our boys and one girl in the service of our Nation. A committee was appointed to look after an Honor Roll and to interest our people in writing to these young folks that they would know that our thoughts were with them. The Alumni Association Committee was appointed to get our former wards interested in the formation of an organization composed of the young men and women who have had the privileges of the Home. After several months of hard work the committee was able to have the Alumni Association organized on Labor Day with 19 members enrolled. Guy P. Towsey was elected President, and Catharine Havens, Secretary. By-Laws were adopted and the body moved off nicely. Due to the presence, almost everywhere, of the Spanish influenza, all engagements for Band and Orchestra were cancelled, our children kept at home and no visits were permitted to the Home for several weeks. These precautions were effective and our children escaped the dreadful malady, while many others throughout our State and Nation died. The "By-Law Committee" and the "Alumni Committee" were made Standing Committees.

An effort was made this year to change the age limit to 16 years, but happily it failed. Our corporation went on record as against any decrease in the age, at which a child should be discharged from the Home, unless a suitable home can be secured for the girl or boy. A contract to dredge coal from the Shamokin Creek along our property line was authorized with a Company on a royalty basis. This year we had five teachers in our schools; we paid them \$1,950 in cash and gave them board and lodging. We paid Mr. Calhoun, the Band Master and Teacher, \$75 per month, and he agreed to pay his own traveling expenses and give us all the time we required, and in addition to looking after the interests of the Band, he agreed to instruct a girls' orchestra. Two thousand dollars was paid to the Current Expense Account from the Farm Income. Brothers George F. Rentz, John Kiess and D. M. Brown were the new names in the list of Directors. A Boy Scout Company



with 40 members was organized at the Home. The entire outfit of uniforms was given by the Rotary Club of Sunbury.

The new wards admitted were the following: George E. Hoover, Ellen S. Hoover, Sarah C. Brown, Kenneth L. Yahn, Mildred E. Yahn, Beulah T. Yahn, Warren E. Shellhamer, Charles A. Shellhamer, Mildred L. Andreas, Catharine Andreas, Hester Andreas, Dorothy Andreas, John Somers, Jacob Embrey, Ira Embrey, Agnes Roughton, Grace Roughton, Chester J. Fisher.

In the year 1919 the sum of \$1,000 was paid from the Farm Account to the Current Expense Fund. A bronze plate Honor Roll was ordered for those of our Wards who served in the World War. The Trustees reported the sum of \$1,103.80 in the hands of the Treasurer belonging to the Permanent Fund and they were ordered to buy a Registered Liberty Bond for \$1,000. Some of the many enthusiastic friends threw their dimes and a few quarters together and bought a fine Fedora Hat for the Superintendent, Brother Chubbuck. There was the sum of \$5 left over and it was given to our worthy Matron, Mrs. Chubbuck. This was prompted by a little remark made by Brother Chubbuck concerning a pretty Fedora which was being worn by a brother at our meeting that day, which was greatly admired by him, and the honest affection which we had for our Superintendent caused this act. This little incident is mentioned to show the warm feeling which had developed in the years of close contact. An appeal for funds with which to erect new buildings was approved by the Grand Lodge Officers and sent to the different Lodges in our District. The Band Boys received new uniforms at a cost of \$1,000. Brother J. D. Mull was the member of the Educational Committee to whom was assigned the general oversight of the Band and he did his work well.

Plans and specifications were approved for the new building project and the Committee was directed to proceed at once to erect the buildings. Very close to 50,000 circular letters were sent out to members of the Order in our district requesting donations for building purposes. The friends of the Home responded to the appeal in fine style, as we find that there was a net balance in the Building Fund as of December 31st amounting to \$28,581.80. The Assets of the Corporation were reported to be \$153,708.53. The receipts for the services rendered by the Band and Orchestra amounted to \$3,622.38. This amount paid for new uniforms, the salary of the instructor, bought several new instruments, paid some other expenses and left a net balance of \$1,292.05.

The excavation for the foundation walls for the new buildings was completed and the bricks were placed on the ground with which the buildings were to be constructed.

The new names appearing on the list of Directors were Brothers Charles J. Depue, Peter Bedell, Harry A. Howell, O. B. Blanchard.

The new Wards were as follows: Carl C. Jensen, Lillian M. Jensen, Robert J. Neihart, Wm. G. Neihart, Mildred M. Thurston, George L. Thurston, Martha V. Thurston, David E. Kelly, Norman A. Kelly,

Erma M. Kelly, Benjamin G. Neilhart, Esther L. Thurston, Clifford R. Nichols, A. Ludlow Nichols, Paul F. Margraff, J. Frederick Margraff, E. Priscilla Margraff, Mark L. Margraff, Mabel Teisher, Robert Teisher, Emily L. Baker, Gladys Baker, Evelyn Baker, Thelma A. Bogart, Arthur J. Bogart, Charles T. Foringer, Paul A. Foringer, Donald K. Miller, Francis E. Bergh, Clifford A. Bergh, Hilda S. Bergh, Lawrence Meminger, Floyd T. Stull, Henry P. Stine, Edward J. Purdue, James W. Okom, Olga Buccari, Alcea J. Buccari, Angeline Buccari, Myrtle I. Thurston, Arnold J. Moyer, C. Irvin Moyer, Wm. Russell Roberts, George Roberts, Blanche Roberts.

The year closed with a deficit in the Current Expense Account of \$885.02 and cash to the amount of \$28,581.80 in the Building Fund.

The year 1920 made a great change in our securing Lodges to join our corporation. The Grand Lodge handed down to us a Ruling of the Sovereign Grand Lodge to the effect that "It is wrong to charge a Membership Fee." All Subordinate Lodges in our District might send a Representative to our Annual Meeting and have a vote in the business of the day even though they had not paid the \$1.00 per capita. Another order which we were required to obey is that the net proceeds from the farm must be paid into the General Expense Account. We thought of placing this money in the Building Fund, and the Board of Directors had so ordered.

The Bronze Tablet in honor of those of our wards who served in the World War, which was ordered in 1919, was secured at a cost of \$100, and is a very nice piece of work. The following names appear thereon: Chester A. Dinsmore, Carl M. McCallum, Emerson C. Cook, Phillip H. Lenhart, Winfred C. Jordan, John H. Pritchard, Harold R. Roderick, Ralph D. Pritchard, Clarence A. Fleming, William R. Greishaber, Richard M. Jones, Leroy H. Sherman, George W. Schmeek, Raymond J. Schopp, John C. Evans, Forest J. Root, Lester S. Flick, Evan T. Jones, Albert F. Davis, Walter L. Gingrich, Robert E. Jones, Lawrence W. McCallum, A. Winfield James, Clarence E. Miller, Walter G. Havens, Matthew Shrive, Thomas A. Jordan, William M. Shaw, David Watkins, Harold E. Fuller, Paul E. Root, Mary L. Cook.

The action of the Grand Bodies in ruling against the Membership Fee being charged, and allow all Subordinate Lodges to become equal in voice and vote in the management of the Home, was not taken kindly by those who had paid many thousands of dollars to bring the Home to the magnificent development now enjoyed. At the July meeting of this year the Property Committee was directed to secure a tablet of a permanent character, on which should be inscribed the words "HONOR ROLL OF LODGES, REBEKAHS, ENCAMPMENTS, CANTONS AND HONORARY MEMBERS WHICH PURCHASED MEMBERSHIP IN THE ODD FELLOWS' ORPHANS' HOME OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA," this inscription to be followed by the names of all who had purchased membership in the Corporation.

Brothers Edwin R. Miller, James L. Morgan and Wm. S. Woodhouse were the new members of the Board of Directors. Brother Miller was the first of our former Wards to be elected to the Directorate. Mr. H. E. Bloom was selected as instructor for Band and Orchestra at \$80 per month.

Two thousand dollars was transferred to the General Fund from the Farm Account. Some of the Lodges in the district which would have a voice and vote in the deliberations of the Corporation meetings under the ruling heretofore mentioned regarding the Membership Fee, were kind enough to pay the per capita, the same as those who started the Home, and their act made the hearts of the management very glad. Their names appear in the Honor Roll.

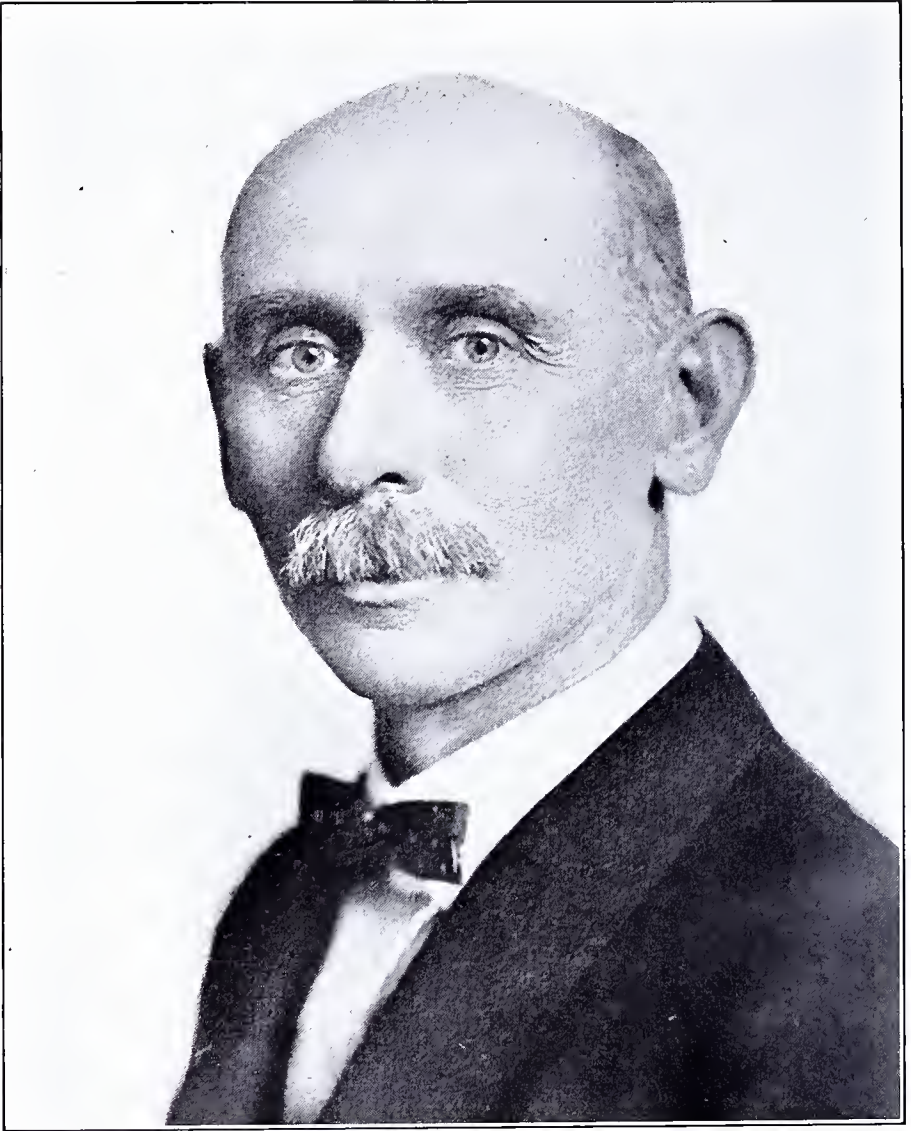
The assets of the Corporation showed a grand total of \$183,136.67.

The new Wards for the year were as follows: Madeline Shivelhood, Helen Shivelhood, George Shivelhood, Alma Kelly, Catherine Herrold, Irene Herrold, George W. Herrold, Wm. J. Harlacker, Hannah A. Hunt, Eleanor T. Dobbie, James M. Dobbie, Dorothy A. Dobbie, Evelyn Harlacker, Charles Harlacker, Paul Herrold, Clarice P. Foringer, Charles W. Himmler, Clara G. Williams, Edward Williams, Raymond B. Gottstein, Lewis E. Gottstein, Leah E. Gottstein, Thelma C. Gottstein.

Deficit in the Current Expense Account amounted to \$5,349.28. Cash in the Building Fund amounted to \$30,309.63.

The year 1921 was a busy one. The work on the new building had progressed nicely and great interest had been taken all along the line of Home work. Our one regret was that the Superintendent and Matron resigned. They had done wonderful work for the Home interests and had been doubly mindful of the great responsibility resting upon them in caring for the children. The mechanical and business ability of the Superintendent, Brother Chubbuck, was a great asset to our Corporation and saved to the Home many thousands of dollars. He built the school house and several smaller buildings and during this year he completed the East Hall and erected the walls of the West Hall. The East Hall was dedicated on Labor Day. This was the Celebration of the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the Corporation and about 6,000 attended.

The following named took part in the dedication: Grand Master, A. N. Dick; Grand Marshal, Robert Mullen; Grand Patriarch, J. Reed Irvine; Department Commander, R. J. Lippey; President, Rebekah Assembly, Mrs. Bertha McKeown; Past President, Mrs. Virginia Mull; Past Marshal, Mrs. C. Ama Holman Finnefroek; District Deputy President, Mrs. Sophia Gemberling; Home Matron, Mrs. Chubbuck; Grand Senior Warden, W. H. Brown; Past Grand Patriarch, E. W. Snyder; Brother F. W. Magrady of No. 630; Home Treasurer, Robert Davis; Home President, J. W. Stroh; Rev. Lyman M. Dice of No. 662; Home Chaplain, J. A. Hartman; Home Superintendent, Brother E. E. Chubbuck; President, Philadelphia Home, Brother C. B. D. Richardson; President, Ben Avon Home, Brother J. A. O'Brien; President, Meadville Home, Brother Fred T. McCollum.



J. W. STROH  
President 1912-1923



In compliance with the order of the Committee, Past President Dr. W. H. J. Holman, was Master of Ceremonies.

Brother F. C. Lancaster, and his wife, were selected to fill the positions of Superintendent and Matron at the combined salary of \$2,500 per year.

The Committee on Furnishings, consisting of Brothers W. G. Lentz, Philip J. Vetter, Stanley Rodrick, W. H. Snavely and Harry A. Howell, secured \$14,260 to purchase the necessary furniture for the new buildings.

The new Wards admitted this year were the following: Rachel Schrader, Dorothy Schrader, Lydia E. Huber, Gordon Roberts, Claude M. Bordner, Ruth T. Andreas, Martha W. Andreas, Bruce T. Boyer, Walter E. Boyer, Ruth E. Herrold, J. Newton Bottomstone, John A. Dobbie, Edw. R. Richards, George W. Bland, Harry L. Bland, Sidney Eliza Bland, Evelyn L. Campbell, John Wm. Campbell, Charles Thomas, Ruth E. Thomas, Thelma Thomas, Clyde M. Somers.

The property, Real Estate and Personal, belonging to the Home at the close of the year amounted to \$219,745.61.

Let us keep in mind that during the first twenty-five years we fed, clothed and educated 451 children. Some of these were taken care of for ten or more years, while others had been with us but a few months. Our Current Expense Account showed a deficit of \$6,193.45. Cash in the Building Fund amounted to \$8,677.04.

Brother Walter A. Bowen was selected by the Committee on Education to take charge of the Band and Orchestra at a salary of \$125 per month.

The year 1922 finished a lot of work which had been begun months before. The two Halls were completed at a cost of \$67,500 and made room for a total of 250 children and the necessary help to provide for the care of the Wards. During the year Mr. Lancaster and his wife resigned as Superintendent and Matron, and Brother Kimber A. Hartman and wife were chosen to fill the vacancy. Upon consulting the records it would seem that this year was the beginning of financial worry. While we had plenty of money in the treasury, regardless of what Fund it belonged to, we ran our affairs satisfactorily, but this year used up all the cash in the Building Fund and we were compelled to borrow about \$23,000. The close of the year found us with a deficit of \$9,277.67 in the General Fund, known also as the Current Expense Account, and also \$4,653.69 short of enough money to pay our Building Fund bills. The names of Brothers E. E. Chubbuck, J. W. Weaver and A. H. Ramberger were the new ones, added to the Board of Directors. Two thousand five hundred dollars was transferred from the Farm Account to the Current Expense Fund.

A new By-Law was adopted changing the time for our meetings. The last Wednesday of July was fixed for our Corporation, otherwise known as the Representatives' Meeting, and the Tuesday immediately

preceeding that day was named as the Directors' day. The idea of preparing to build the "Alumni Hall" was taken up and approved. Name Plates were placed on the doors in completed buildings, showing the name of the Lodge or Encampment supplying the furnishings for the room thus marked.

The Rebekah branch of the Order was very active in this part of the new work done this year; it may be truthfully said that the good work would not be nearly so successful were it not for the interest manifested by our Sisters.

The following named children were admitted to the Home: Margaret Thomas, Thomas C. Kingston, Esther E. Kingston, Donald J. Waltman, Guy F. Eisenhuth, John Moore, Donald V. Leffler, W. Chester Leffler, Allen W. Engle, Walter Engle, Margaret R. Howarth, John O. Howarth, Luke E. Swabb, James E. Swabb, David S. Swabb, Augustus Morgan, Carl G. Morgan, Agnes M. Morgan, Darrell Thomas, Wm. Mark Kyler, Elizabeth Kyler, Albert Richards, Irvin Waltman, Esther Broschious, Robert Thomas, John M. Thomas, Hiram L. Bowman, Charles Bowman, Attie Kepner, Edward Burton Chandler.

The year 1923 gave us several changes in the corps of officers. President Stroh died, but had resigned in June prior to his death in July. Brother Fred C. Hanyen was elected President; Brother Roy D. Beman was advanced to the position of First Vice President, and Brother E. E. Chubbuck elected Second Vice President. Rev. Lyman M. Dice was elected Secretary in July. Brother W. G. Lentz was elected Assistant Secretary. Brother Robert Davis was re-elected Treasurer. Brother Charles A. Widle, a very valuable member of the Board of Directors and Committee on Education, died in April.

The Ravine just north of the West Hall was nicely cleaned and tables and fireplace were arranged so that visitors could have a pleasant outing at any time.

A fire occurred in the school house causing damage to the extent of \$1,098. Our boys were on the job in a minute and the Sunbury Fire Department rushed to the Home and aided in preventing what may have been a very great loss.

Mrs. Williams, who had charge of the sewing room, gave the older girls the opportunity of learning to sew, and some of them did work which was very commendable. Our older girls have always been given a chance to gain some knowledge of cooking and general housework.

Four new names appeared on the Board of Directors, viz.: G. W. Morton, Stephen C. Hartman, Rev. G. R. Heim, Charles E. Weller.

The following named children were admitted to the Home: Paul Martz, Dale Martz, Helen Martz, Walter M. Geise, Ross E. Geise, David J. Watkins, Elmer Watkins, Morgan Watkins, Helen Turnbull, Anna Williams, Joseph Williams, Helen Williams, Mayme Hepler, Harvey Hepler, Phoebe Weaver, Anne Hepler.

We closed this year owing the Banks \$15,302, and had our Current Expense Account overdrawn \$1,104.42.

The year 1924 gave us new law concerning the holding of office in the Home management. The Grand Lodge adopted a Law which does not permit an elective Grand Lodge Officer to be a Representative or Director in any of the Homes of the State. This deprived us of the services of Brother Fred C. Hanyen as an officer of the Home because of his official position in the Grand Lodge. Brother Roy D. Beman was elected President; Brother E. E. Chubbuck, First Vice President; W. G. Lentz, Second Vice President, and the other Officers were re-elected. An appeal for funds to the Lodges of our district was authorized by the Directors, and after it was approved by the Committee on Homes it was circulated.

This proved to be a good year financially. We paid all of the borrowed money and the many bills for the running of the Home and had a cash balance in the Current Expense Account amounting to \$179.65, and \$205.98 in the Building Fund with the Permanent Educational Fund intact, showing the sum of \$13,879.75 cash in the Treasury, in addition to the amounts named. Our Total Assets amounted to \$223,115.38 with no liabilities.

The management decided to not permit the Band or Orchestra to fill any proposed engagements on Sunday.

The children admitted during this year were as follows: Arthur Myers, Martin Myers, Hugh Myers, Thelma Dando, Dorothy Dando, Raymond Hunt, Chester C. Hunt, Hartie E. Glenn, Ida R. Glenn, William J. Glenn, Kathryn Glenn, Ruth Glenn, Montague Glenn, Susan Glenn, John P. Glenn, Hope Richards, John W. Hepler, Florence Liddick, Maxwell Liddick.

The new names on the Directorate were: Lewis G. Sheasley, Daniel J. Evans and W. C. Weber.

Mr. Jacob Miller was secured to take charge of the farm.

The receipts from the Grand Lodge amounted to \$54,724.16. One thousand two hundred dollars was given to the General Fund from the Farm Account. The concrete walk from the south side of the main buildings to the railroad station cost \$973.11. It is a nice piece of work and was very much needed. Lewistown Lodge No. 97, paid about \$275 of the cost, at the direct solicitation of Brother Harry Howell of that Lodge.

The year 1925 gave us some very pleasing items of special interest. We find that 77 of our children united with the churches of Sunbury. The Pastors of the different denominations showed great interest in our young people this year and some made several visits to the Home, for the purpose of preaching and making an effort to interest them in the main object in life. On the 10th of June the Orchestra broadcasted a mixed program from Station WHBG, Harrisburg. The Band had 26 pieces and was doing remarkably good work.

It seems that along with the joys of life some sadness must come; in this line we have to notice the death of Brother William E. Davis,

who served as a Director from 1907 until January of this year. He made many sacrifices in his interest in the Home.

Brother Blair Tate and Bruce A. Hess were new members of the Board of Directors. Some dissatisfaction had developed concerning the manner of selecting the Directors and Trustees and a resolution was adopted authorizing the appointment of a committee to find a better plan. Brothers Ottis Williams, John Morris, W. G. Lentz, John Lournette, and W. R. Avery constituted the committee.

The new Wards received were the following: Robert Turnbull, Wm. Herb, Pauline Herb, Melvin Herb, John Herb, Grace Reinoehl, Paul Reinoehl, Harry A. Stutts, Ruth E. Stutts, Susanna B. Stutts, Sarah E. Stutts, Mildred Tasker, Pierce Tasker, Marion Hartman, Scott Morgan, Isabella Morgan, Francis Young.

A 125,000 gallon water tank was placed on the hill north of the main building with an elevation which produces a pressure which throws the water over our high buildings through a 2½-inch hose. Four fire plugs were installed at convenient points so that all of the buildings are well protected. The larger boys had fire drills and are able to do good work in case of fire.

The close of this year showed a deficit of \$1,733.37 in the Current Expense Account, and \$581.78 in the Building Fund.

The Vocational Agricultural Department was revived this year with Prof. O. E. Kiser in charge.

Year 1926. At the July meeting the following Night Letter was wired to the Grand Master, who was a former Ward of the Odd Fellows' Orphanage, located at Meadville, Pa.:

JOHN N. MARK, *Grand Master*,

Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F.

Oil City, Pa.

Sunbury, Pa., July 27, 1926.

The Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows' Orphans' Home of Central Pennsylvania in Annual Session convened desires herewith to send greetings; and take this opportunity to express to you its deep appreciation for the splendid example you have set for the guidance of all our Home boys, and pledge you its hearty and loyal support.

R. D. BEMAN, *President*."

Brother H. I. Romig, who was one of the first Board of Directors and Secretary of the Board for about ten years, died in April, 1926. Concrete drives from the Main Building to the public road were completed; four-inch concrete work was placed on the north side of the entire Main Building. The total cost of all concrete work amounted to \$10,431.12.

Brother C. G. Harsch, a member of the directorate from January, 1898, died on October 31, 1926. He was a faithful friend of the Home. Brother James Daniel Mull was elected a Director in January, 1911, and continued to serve on the Board until death called him, which was August 12, 1926. He was the main spirit in the organization of the Band and took great interest in the musical education of the Wards of



the Home. The Educational Committee lost a hard worker and a conscientious member.

According to the report of the Alumni Committee there were 226 Subordinate Lodges, 64 Encampments, 50 Cantons, 140 Rebekah Lodges and 20 Past Grand Associations in the Central Pennsylvania Orphans' Home District in the year 1926. One would think that this mighty body of men and women would make it easy for the Orphans' Home management to accomplish even greater things for the great spirit of HELPFULNESS. The amount of cash received during the year 1926 was \$79,261.34 for Current Expenses and Building Fund. The amount expended was \$82,315.84.

New members of the Board of Directors were: Brothers George Emery, D. Levine, Wm. E. Ransberger, John H. Kull and Wm. J. Treaster.

The new Wards admitted were: Melvin R. Sibbach, Elwood C. Sibbach, Ray Edward Young, Wm. Charles Young, Robert D. Young, Albert J. Cable, Caroline V. Cable, Wm. Jesse Cable, Hope Van Barriger, Lila Van Barriger, Arline Van Barriger, Hulda Van Barriger and Lois V. Baker.

The representatives in annual meeting assembled resolved to create a Rebekah Board and authorized the appointment of a committee, consisting of Dr. W. H. J. Holman, W. G. Lentz, Thomas F. Lark, Belle Heidenreich, Elizabeth F. Calhoun and Mary E. Brown to formulate a plan to carry out the resolution.

Year 1927. At the July Meeting of 1927, Brother J. I. Shoemaker presented to the Home a U. S. Bond of \$1,000 to be placed in the Permanent Fund. A coupon for \$21.25 was attached and the brother directed that this amount was to be used as the Directors desired, the income to be used as the Directorate shall authorize from year to year. He gave \$1,000 also, which "Shall be the nucleus of a fund which shall be used for the purpose of erecting a Chapel on our Home grounds." The Committee which was appointed in 1926 to formulate a plan to govern a Rebekah Board made a report presenting a full code of By-Laws.

The first Rebekah Board elected by the Corporation consisted of the following named sisters: Martha R. Parry, Belle Heidenreich, Mary Brown, Laura Williams, Ammie Shuey, Virginia Mull, Frances Ransberger, Jane Lentz, Annie Stevens and Minnie C. Keightley.

Brother J. I. Shoemaker, a charter member and one of the beloved on the Board of Directors, died on October 10, 1927.

The new members of the Directorate for this year were: Brothers W. M. Yeingst, Wm. M. Keller, John Witheridge and G. B. Kunkle. The Representative from the Grand Lodge, Brother John Morris, was placed on the Board by virtue of his appointment.

The new Wards for 1927 were the following: Wm. F. Laudenslayer, Almeda Laudenslayer, Malvern D. Laudenslayer, Mary Laudenslayer, Jean L. Capwell, Marion Capwell, Albert Henry Young, Mary

Di Risio, Joseph Di Risio, Alvin M. Emerick, Hubert H. Emerick, Norman K. Emerick, John M. Noecker, Phillip Crispwell, John Clinton Eyster, George Miles Eyster, Catherine Fenstermacher, Mark E. Sibbach and John A. Sibbach.

Mildred Thurston was the first to finish the Course in Sunbury High School as planned by the Educational Committee. Her graduation was in May, 1927.

Two thousand dollars was paid from the Farm Account to the Current Expense Account. Brothers Clyde Confer, G. M. Kline and W. A. Niecly were instrumental in securing the material and cash needed for expenses in the erection of the Fire House.

During 1927 the Sunbury people credited our boys, who were attending that High School, as being a great asset to their Band and Orchestra. The cash donations for Christmas were \$1,530.63, and a very enjoyable time it gave our Wards this year. Our Treasury showed a much better condition the latter part of 1927, as we find the Current Expense Account with a balance of \$4,495.86 and only \$1,502.53 of a deficit in the Building Fund.

Brother Peter Bedell, a director, died January 1, 1927.

Year 1928. Several things occurred during the year 1928 which made our hearts sad. Brother E. E. Chubbuck died on March 25th, and a general feeling of sadness was experienced over the entire district. The brother had been Superintendent for many years; was the First Vice President at the time of his death. He was a most valuable member of our Directorate, and had built several of our largest buildings and saved our corporation many thousands of dollars, which would have been paid to contractors, while he was Superintendent, because of his exceptional ability in many channels.

Our Superintendent and Matron, Mr. and Mrs. Hartman, tendered their resignations on April 27th, 1928, to take effect August 1st. This caused real sorrow on the part of the Directors, because we felt that they had talent of rare value. The children seemed to love both and had the highest respect for them. The reason given for the resignations was the health condition of the Matron. The resignations were accepted with regret and a committee consisting of Dr. W. H. J. Holman, W. G. Lentz, Rev. L. M. Dice, Robert Davis and W. C. Weber was appointed to endeavor to secure suitable persons to take the positions. Several applications were received and Mr. Samuel Irwin and wife were selected at a combined salary of \$2,700. The new Directors were: James O. Warner, G. M. Kline and Dr. V. C. Decker.

All of our boys who attended the Sunbury High School were placed in the Sunbury High School Band by the school management. We think that this act reflects great credit upon the boys as well as the teachers in our own schools. The Principal of the Sunbury schools in a letter to the Chairman of the Educational Committee referred to our children as "The splendid, well prepared students," and further

stated that "It is indeed a treat to know them personally." We are decidedly pleased to be able to place this statement in this history.

The new Wards admitted were the following: Roy Capwell, Edgar B. Morrow, Ralph Ira Turner, Wm. A. Turner, Elizabeth Dewald, Betty Dewald, Ethel M. Stutts, Ruth A. Tasker.

Mrs. Elizabeth Boyles was the new member of the Rebekah Board.

Year 1929. Brother Percival Rudy died on January 2, 1929. He was a director of ability and proved himself unselfish and loyal.

For several years milk was sold in Sunbury by our boys, and a fairly good route established. It was resolved to discontinue the business of selling milk and to keep only the number of cows needed for our own use.

After hearing our Orchestra render a program, M. Claude Rosenberry, Director of Music of the Department of Public Instruction of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wrote a letter to our President in which he said:

"The Directors of the institution are to be commended and congratulated in affording their children the advantages of this type of training."

This is another "feather in the Home's cap," which we receive occasionally, showing clearly that some people have their eye on our work.

The question of adopting a four-year High School Course was taken up during the year 1929. Our schools had taken one advanced step after another until we were running a two-year course and sending our graduates to Sunbury to complete the four-year course. The whole matter depended on the decision of the Department at Harrisburg. The one main essential in the care of children is their religious training and although services had been held regularly the cost in cash was the small sum of \$266.90 for the year ending June 30th, 1929. We are pleased to note that up to the date just named 140 of our children had united with the various churches in Sunbury. The office of Trustee was abolished because it was shown to be unnecessary. Brother John E. Rockwell, a former member of the Board and one who had done much for the Home, died January 27, 1929, at the advanced age of 87 years.

Our Schools made the year 1929 one to be remembered as will be found in the following statement, found in the Superintendent's report of that year. "The schools have added glory to former performances, capturing one Elocution Medal, Third Place in State Piano Competition, Seventeen Medals in Athletic Competition in the County, One Silver Cup in Teams Contest, winning five games out of six played, and James Dobbie won fifth place in a large class in honors." (The next year at Bucknell he was second in a class of 250).

Our financial condition as of December 31st, 1929, was as follows: Current Expense Account \$4,367.79; Building Fund a deficit of \$13,319.49; Chapel Fund \$1,229.60. Permanent Fund \$22,596.19.





FRED C. HANYEN  
President 1923-1924



The School Board of Upper Augusta Township took charge of our Schools in 1929. The State appropriation which we had been receiving through the School Board was cut off and we had but one thing to do and that was to hand our schools over to the School Board.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Irwin presented their resignations to take effect January 1st, 1930. A committee consisting of Brothers Dr. W. H. J. Holman, W. G. Lentz, Rev. Lyman M. Dice, Robert Davis and W. C. Weber was appointed to secure persons to fill the positions. Brother Roy D. Beman and wife were selected.

Brother Theodore Lindemuth died on December 14th, 1929. He was a member of the Board of Directors at the time of his death. He was a faithful worker in Church and the I. O. O. F.

Mrs. Julia McMurtry was the new member of the Rebekah Board.

The new names found in the Journal for Directors were: Brothers Albert M. Orr, a former Ward of our Home, Jacob Oppenheimer, and Owen M. Williams.

The new names appearing as Wards of the Home were the following: Marlin Wise, David H. Wise, Angelo Balestrini, Lucy Balestrini, Josephine Balestrini, Leo Balestrini, Mary Balestrini, Grace L. Thurston, Margaret O. Gentzel, Woodrow Gentzel, Marjorie R. Williams, Lester K. Shipe, Paul G. Shipe, Norman A. Shipe, Ruth A. Shipe, Charles Remphrey, Wm. F. Remphrey, Wm. E. Barkley, Benjamin V. Barkley, John R. Barkley, Warren F. Barkley, Bertha G. McCarty, George McCarty, Frances May Barkley, Eugene S. Cargill, Richard Cargill, James Stevens, Marie Stevens, Robert Stevens, Harriet L. Shellehamer, Adelaide M. Shellehamer.

Year 1930. Brother Roy D. Beman resigned as President at the January meeting, 1930, and Brother Thomas F. Lark was elected to that position. Brother Adam Ramberger was elected Second Vice President. The newly elected Superintendent and Matron took charge of their duties January 20th.

A new idea was adopted in the teaching force of the Sunday School. Heretofore the teaching was done by the help in the Home. During 1930 kind friends from the churches in and around Sunbury took over the work of teaching in the Sunday School to the great delight of all connected with the Home.

The school at the Home was recognized as a four-year high in 1930, and the first children to be graduated were: Hartie Glenn, Evelyn Campbell, Ludlow Nichols, Roberta Cressinger, Norman Kelley, Ross Geise and Harold Brown.

Everything was changed in the management of the School when the State Department gave certain advantages to the school district. The School Board elected the teachers, but followed the suggestions of the Educational Committee very satisfactorily. The building was rented to the School Board for a nominal sum and the Home equipped the building completely for the Four-Year High School work.

The new Directors were: Fred J. Wasem, Arthur Samuels and John C. Lora, the latter being the third of our former wards to serve on our Board.

We are always glad for the friends who help us in our work for the Home, and we are particularly pleased that a new champion for the welfare of humanity has been kind enough to look our way. We refer to Mr. Edwin Gould who kindly sent us, unsolicited, several subscriptions to children's periodicals, a number of pieces of playground equipment, and about Christmas time, 1930, his check was received for \$100. He has enrolled our Home as a member of the Edwin Gould Foundation for Children, which means that we are to share in his benefactions among worthy children's institutions. We are mighty thankful for such kind consideration.

The financial condition of our Corporation was very undesirable. We had a deficit in the Current Expense Account of \$16,358.85 and in our Building Fund the deficit amounted to \$14,052.14. Many things were done which were absolutely necessary to restore our property to the proper condition, hence the large deficit.

The new Wards for the year 1930 were: Robert Gracely, Donald T. Howells, David E. Howells, Adda M. Aughenbaugh, Anna M. Aughenbaugh, Bessie Aughenbaugh, Grover C. Aughenbaugh, Lila J. Snyder, Aida May Snyder, Gladys Bernice Snyder, Charles Irvin Hess and Myrtle B. Hess.

Year 1931. This year was very much like other years, the usual amount of anxiety coupled with the pleasure of seeing our children well and happy. Schools moving off as nicely as could be desired; a fine corps of teachers; children and adults interested in those things which are for the benefit of all. We must realize that in an undertaking as great as our Home work, there are many wants ahead which must be taken care of day by day and are never ending, and to enumerate all these would require a book larger than a man would wish to handle. Our work this year measured up more nearly to the standard we have desired and we are encouraged with the results.

Brothers Montgomery Coe and Elmer Jarvis were the new members of the Board of Directors. The teachers elected for the term of ten months, beginning August 31st, were as follows: John W. Harris, Principal; Karl W. Flowers, Agricultural Supervisor; Bessie B. Behney, French and Latin; Jeanette Teitsworth, Commercial Department; Margaret Curry, Music and English; Kathryn Engle, First and Second Grades; Harriet Roberts, Third and Fourth Grades; Pearl Eves, Fifth and Sixth Grades; Harold Lehman, Seventh and Eighth Grades; Herbert Readdy, Band and Orchestra Instructor; Mary Garner, Home Economics.

What a difference as compared with our first little school when we had about 36 little people and one teacher. I quote the first report of the Educational Committee as follows:

"Being cognizant of the fact that the Public Schools in the district in which our Home is located, are not and can not be brought to the maximum of their usefulness, on account of the minimum term, and the crowded condition in which they would be found in case our wards were sent there, and realizing the great importance of the trust placed in our care—the education of those who are deprived of parental influence—we your committee agreed to establish our school in connection with our Home. We have therefore furnished the room with excellent furniture at a cost of \$75, but notice that the three rear seats included in the purchase are missing; adopted a series of books in connection with reading chart and supplementary reading matter at a cost of \$83.28, and secured the services of an excellent governess at the annual cost of \$300. From a personal inspection of the school by a part of the committee, we are convinced of the wisdom of our course in establishing it, and are exceedingly well pleased with the work done by the Governess and Matron who share the fullest confidence of the boys and girls under their tuition. In order to make our school efforts more effective, we would recommend that the school be furnished with an organ and equip the Governess with the necessary supply of busy work for the primary department.

C. L. GRAMLEY,  
T. R. LANDIS."

No other brother has been chairman of the Educational Committee since 1898 but the one whose name appears first on this report.

The new Wards admitted during 1931 were as follows: Taylor S. Remphrey, Catherine M. Remphrey, Robert E. Seymour, Brice Shelly, Marshall V. Shelly, Chester C. Reinoehl, Lena M. Hess, Kenneth J. Hamilton, Robert Hamilton, Ruth Hamilton, Robert V. Sweigert, Andrew Grant Boyer, Kenneth L. Boyer, Robert E. Boyer, Sarah Alice Boyer, Elizabeth M. Patterson, Lois M. Patterson, John E. Patterson, Naomi Ruth Patterson, Francis James Gracely, George E. Cable, George Oscar Patterson, Alice E. Swinchart, Margaret Swinehart, Pearl L. Swinchart.

The Alumni Association had more than \$2,000 in the Chapel Fund as per the last report. The combined funds for Chapel purposes amounted to \$3,294.38 as per report of Alumni Committee.

Home financial condition as per December 31st, 1931, was as follows:

Current Expense Account Deficit.....	\$23,616.04
Building Fund Deficit .....	13,508.02

Lillian Richards and Elizabeth Calhoun were the new members of the Rebekah Board.

Year 1932. Two of our Directors died the early part of this year. Brother Adam H. Ramberger died on April 16th, and Brother Wyllys R. Avery died on May 4th. Both of these brothers were very zealous in the interests of the Home and were willing always to do what they could for the benefit of the children. We will miss them in our deliberations and know that we have lost two hard workers and two very valuable counselors.

At our January meeting it was resolved to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of the real active beginning of the Home work, on Labor Day. A committee, consisting of Dr. W. H. J. Holman, Robert Davis, W. C. Weber, Belle Heidenreich and Elizabeth Calhoun, was appointed to make all necessary arrangements for that event.

The new Wards admitted in 1932 were: Thelma Strouse, Theodore Strouse and Duane Strouse.

#### GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

Sunday School services are held every Sunday. Church Services are held after Sunday School, either by the regular Chaplain or by one selected by a Lodge. Many Lodges and Past Grand Associations are deeply interested in furnishing the Minister and Choir for a Sunday Service.

All the Meetings of the Representatives and Directorate are opened with Prayer. Our people recognize the hand of the Great Guide in all our doings and give to Him praise and thanksgiving for His kindness in directing our minds, hearts and hands in this wonderful work.

Our Schools are far beyond our most sanguine expectations. There is not less than \$30,000 invested in our School equipment, as compared with a little room in the old main building and \$75.00 thirty-four years ago.

There are eleven teachers now engaged in giving the required instruction to our Wards, many of whom have been graduated and are a credit to the Home. Six hundred and forty-four children have been enrolled as of July 1st, 1932.

#### GIFTS AND BEQUESTS TO THE HOME FOR PERMANENT FUND

1909	Bequest from Mrs. Sarah Laforme .....	\$ 698.18
1910	Henry Koerben .....	886.41
1912	Past President E. C. Wagner .....	1000.00
1912	Mrs. G. W. Davis .....	500.00
1914	J. W. Simmers .....	100.00
1915	Henry Box .....	500.00
1917	Morris E. Rosenfield .....	500.00
1919	M. K. Watkins .....	1000.00
1920	John Gluck .....	25.00
1921-22	Wm. A. Lush .....	6949.69
1921	Jacob Bedel .....	200.00
1922	Irvin J. Wurt .....	1000.00
1923	Adolph Abarbanel .....	500.00
1923	Elizabeth Vanetta .....	100.00
1924	Charles Hartman .....	3359.43
1924	Mrs. Heller .....	452.50
1925	Charles A. Leinbach .....	450.00
1926	Daniel S. Byerly .....	90.00
1927	George W. Buckbee .....	1171.36
1927	Gustavus C. Ralston .....	3967.58
1927	Gift of Jacob I. Shoemaker .....	1000.00
1929	George W. Shultz .....	1500.00
1929	J. H. F. Long .....	237.50
1929	Wm. Sharp .....	200.00

A local Religious Committee, consisting of Brothers Nevin E. Stuck, Victor Teisher, C. C. Bauman, and W. C. Weber contribute much to the religious life of the Home. Their zeal and faithfulness are highly commendable.



# PAST PRESIDENTS, OFFICERS, DIRECTORS AND REBEKAH BOARD

January, 1932

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EDWIN R. MILLER	<i>Assistant Secretary</i>
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ROY D. BEMAN	<i>Superintendent</i>
MRS. ROY D. BEMAN	<i>Matron</i>

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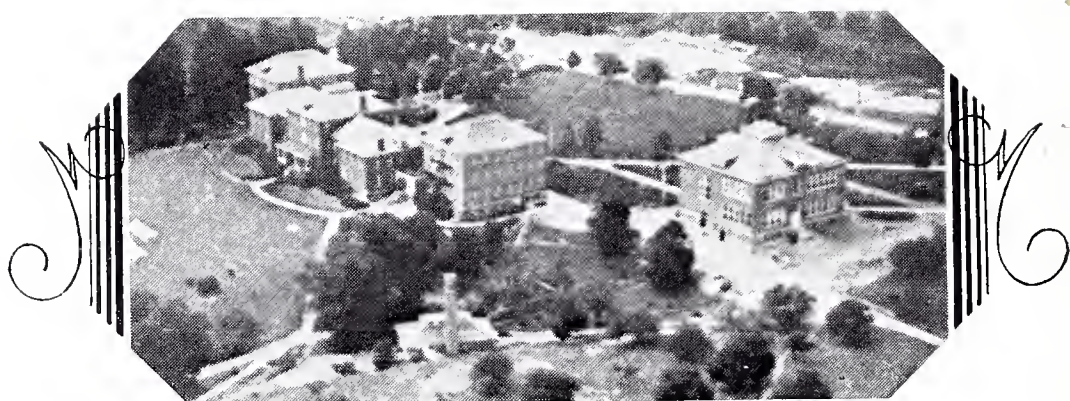
JOHN L. MILLER	1897-1901	J. W. STROH	1912-1923
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E. C. WAGNER	1906-1912	ROY D. BEMAN	1924-1930

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